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Introduction

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The Resource Guide that follows is designed to be a useful tool in assisting families in system mapping and navigation, so they may be fully informed of the resources and supports available to them. It is an attempt to be as inclusive and up-to-date as possible. The Team members realize there may be some omissions or obsolete information contained in this guide. Any additions and updates are welcomed, and can be made by calling 462-6350 or e-mailing lbotts@gw.dhs.state.ri.us.

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Early Intervention Program

Program Description:

The Early Intervention (EI) Program promotes and supports the development of infants and toddlers with developmental challenges. All EI services are family-centered and work with the family's priorities and strengths. Together with the family, a plan will be designed for services to address the child's developmental needs. Early Intervention will identify and coordinate the necessary resources and services for the family and child. Whenever possible these services are provided in natural environments – places where the family and child spend time or where there are other children who are not in the Early Intervention Program. Services provided by the program include:

Assistive technology	Nursing services	Social work services
Audiology	Nutrition services	Special instruction
Family counseling & training	Occupational therapy	Speech & Language therapy
Health services	Physical therapy	Transportation
Home visits	Psychological services	Vision services
Medical services	Service Coordination	

Eligible Population:

This program serves families and children who are younger than three years of age with developmental delays or certain diagnosed conditions or circumstances that may lead to significant developmental problems.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Families receive services without incurring any cost. However, the program seeks reimbursement from private health insurance companies and Medicaid.

How to Apply for Services:

Anyone can make a referral by calling one of the Early Intervention agencies listed below:

Trudeau Memorial Center
250 Commonwealth Ave
Warwick, RI 02886
823-1731

James L. Maher Center
120 Hillside Ave
Newport, RI 02840
848-2660

Family Resources Community Action
245 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
766-0900

Meeting Street Center
667 Waterman Ave
East Providence, RI 02914
438-9500

Children's Friend and Services
621 Dexter Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
729-0008

Family Service
55 Hope Street
Providence, RI 02906
331-1350

Hasbro Children's Hospital
593 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
444-3201

Trudeau Memorial Center
South County Office
350 Kingstown Rd.
Narragansett, RI 02882
783-6853

Rhode Island School for the Deaf
1 Corliss Park
Providence, RI 02980
222-4013

For children with hearing impairments or deafness (and their families)

Rhode Island School for the Deaf
EI Vision Specialist
1 Corliss Park
Providence, RI 02980
222-1045

For children with visual impairments or blindness (and their families)

Groden Center, Inc.
86 Mt. Hope Ave.
Providence, RI 02902
274-6310

For children with autism spectrum disorders or significant behavioral concerns (and their families)

Contact Information:

David Hamel
Early Intervention Program
Rhode Island Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 222-4632
Fax: 222-5957

Rhode Island Department of Education Special Education

Program Description:

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is the State education agency responsible for the oversight of Local Education Agencies (LEA) to locate, identify and provide special education and related services to any child with a disability in the least restrictive environment. Special Education programs operate in all school districts including charter public schools to provide individually designed instruction to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. Special education includes instruction conducted in the classroom, in the home, in hospitals and institutions, and in other settings.

Eligible Population:

A child with a disability, aged 3 to 21, evaluated in accordance with state law, as having mental retardation, a hearing impairment including deafness, a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment including blindness, emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism spectrum disorder, traumatic brain injury, an other health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities, and who, by reason there of, needs special education and related services. Related services means: transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other support services as are required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education, and includes speech-language pathology and audiology services, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, recreation, including therapeutic recreation, counseling services, including rehabilitation counseling, orientation and mobility services, and medical services for diagnostics or evaluation services. The term also includes school health services, social work services in schools, and parent counseling and training.

Children aged 3 through 5 can qualify for preschool special education and related services when the child is experiencing developmental delay or a disability, as determined by the evaluation process.

Services are available for children ages 3 to 21 or until the child receives a regular high school diploma. A child must meet the criteria established under IDEA to receive services. To get a copy of this law/regulations call 222-3505 or check the website: www.rido.net (See “New Special Education State Regulations” on the home page.) Individuals who are blind or visually impaired can order a copy of the special education state regulations (4 audiotapes) by calling TechAccess at 463-0202.

Geographic Area Served:

Each Local Education Agency (LEA) or school district must provide special education and related services to any eligible child under its jurisdiction.

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Referrals can be made directly to the School Department by calling your local school district's Special Education Director (see attached list). If your child is over age 5, you can contact the principal of your child's school or the Special Education Director in your school district.

Contact Information:

www.rido.net

Office of Special Needs, RI Department of Education: 222-3505.
255 Westminster Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Rhode Island Parent Information Network: 727-4144. See page 56.
Rhode Island Disability Law Center: 831-3150. See page 112

Directors of Special Education (LEA, STATE, CHARTER, COLLABORATIVES)
(REVISED 8/20/02)

SCHOOL DISTRICT	CONTACT/E-MAIL	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX
BARRINGTON	ANNE DE FANTI ride0034@ride.ri.net	PO Box 95, 283 County Road Barrington, RI 02806	247-3145	245-5003
BRISTOL/WARREN	LESLIE NEUBAUER neubauerl@bw.k12.ri.us	151 State Street Bristol, RI 02806	253-4000	253-1740
BURRILLVILLE	JULIAN MAC DONNELL, JR. rid22415@ride.ri.net	92 North Main Street Pascoag, RI 02859	568-1307	568-4111
CENTRAL FALLS	ARLENE GARRISON	21 Hedley Avenue Central Falls, RI 02863	727-7707 Ext 116	727-7722
CHARIHO Charlestown, Hopkinton, Richmond	KATHLEEN BLAIS	455A Switch Rd Wood River Junct, RI 02894	364-1160	364-1166
COVENTRY	CATHERINE MEMORY rid00958@ride.ri.net	222 MacArthur Boulevard Coventry, RI 02816	822-9400	822-9406
CRANSTON	JOHN W. BLACKBURN COOR DIR OF PUPIL PERSONNEL jblackburn@mail.cps.k12.ri.us	845 Park Avenue Cranston, RI 02910	785-8138	785-2307
CUMBERLAND	DENISE AHERN rid05190@ride.ri.net	2602 Mendon Rd Cumberland, RI 02864	658-1600	658-4620
EAST GREENWICH	HELEN O'HARA ride9487@ride.ri.net	111 Pierce Street East Greenwich, RI 02818	885-3300	886-3203
EAST PROVIDENCE	MICHAEL ROCK	80 Burnside Avenue East Providence, RI 02915	433-6216	437-3830

SCHOOL DISTRICT	CONTACT/E-MAIL	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX
EXETER/WEST GREENWICH	MAUREEN DECRESCENZO decreasm@shmail.ewg.k12.ri.us	930 Nooseneck Hill Road West Greenwich, RI 02817	397-7420	397-0164
FOSTER See Northwest Region				
FOSTER/GLOCESTER See Northwest Region				
GLOCESTER See Northwest Region				
JAMESTOWN	ELIZABETH PINTO ride9487@ride.ri.net	76 Melrose Avenue Jamestown, RI 02835	423-7010	423-7012
JOHNSTON	CAROL HASSAN (Interim) rid26993@ride.ri.net	10 Memorial Avenue Johnston, RI 02919	233-1935	233-1907
LINCOLN	CAROLYN OSMON-(Interim) rid21755@ride.ri.net	1624 Lonsdale Avenue Lincoln, RI 02865	726-1292	726-1813
LITTLE COMPTON See Newport County Regional				
MIDDLETOWN See Newport County Regional				
NARRAGANSETT	PATRICIA PEZZULLO rid03429@ride.ri.net	25 Fifth Avenue Narragansett, RI 02852	792-9426	792-9429
NEW SHOREHAM	MARIE BLACKBURN ludgate4@earthlink.net	PO Box 249 Block Island, RI 02807	466-5600	466-5610
NEWPORT	LINDA MARTIN Newport, RI 02840 rid20211@ride.ri.net	437 Broadway	847-2100	849-0170
NEWPORT COUNTY REGIONAL, Little Compton, Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton	DONALD DECOSTA	1 Frank Coelho Drive Portsmouth, RI 02871	683-3570	683-3372

SCHOOL DISTRICT	CONTACT/E-MAIL	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX
NORTH KINGSTOWN	DANIEL MC GREGOR ride2052@ride.ri.net	100 Fairway Drive No. Kingstown, RI 02852	268-6451	268-6455
NORTH PROVIDENCE	CHERYL URSILLO ride5191@ride.ri.net	11 George Street No. Providence, RI 02911	233-1110	233-1106
NORTH SMITHFIELD	ROBERT FRICKLAS rid23060@ride.ri.net	PO Box 72 Slatersville, RI 02876	766-1868	765-8764
NORTHWEST REGION Foster, Glocester Scituate	JOHN MAGNER jtmagner@hotmail.com	23A Theodore Foster Drive No. Scituate, RI 02857	647-4106	647-4107
PAWTUCKET	SUSANNE WILLIAMS swilliams@psdri.net	Creamer Adm. Bldg Park Place Pawtucket, RI 02860	729-6382	727-1641
PORTSMOUTH See Newport County Regional				
PROVIDENCE	KENNETH SWANSON ken.swanson@ppsd.org	797 Westminster St Providence, RI 02903	456-9331	453-8699
SCITUATE See Northwest Region				
SMITHFIELD	MICHAEL MORIARTY rid25811@ride.ri.net	49 Farnum Pike Esmond, RI 02917	231-6608	232-0870
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	CATHY FUSCO rid25991@ride.ri.net	307 Curtis Corner Rd Wakefield, RI 02879	792-9652	792-9604
TIVERTON See Newport County Region				
WARREN See Bristol County				

SCHOOL DISTRICT	CONTACT/E-MAIL	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX
WARWICK	STEVEN LOWERY	1849 Warwick Avenue Warwick, RI 02889	734-3050	734-3003

WEST GREENWICH See Exeter

WEST WARWICK	JEANNETTE ROOLF-ROTHWELL ride7505@ride.ri.net	10 Harris Avenue West Warwick, RI 02893 (Marge/Secretary/e-mail)	822-8432	822-8430
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WESTERLY	MARK HAWK hawkm@ride.ri.net	44 Park Avenue Westerly, RI 02891	596-0315	348-8190
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WOONSOCKET	DENISE BLOOM ride4626@ride.ri.net	McFee Adm Bldg 108 High St. Woonsocket, RI 02895	767-4600	767-4640
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State Operated Schools

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL	DANIELLE DEGENNARO- LABBE dan1828@aol.com	Shepard Bldg. 80 Washington St. Providence, RI 02903	277-5046	277-5049
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RI DEPT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES	COLLEEN HEDDEN, DIR hheden@dcyf.state.ri.us	101 Friendship St Providence, RI 02903	457-4871	457-4511
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RI DEPT OF CORRECTIONS	RALPH ORLECK rorlect@doc.state.ri.us	PO Box 8312/Dix Bldg Wilma Schesler Lane Cranston, RI 02920	464-1415	464-2509
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RI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	REGINALD REDDING redning@rideaf.net	Corliss Park Providence, RI 02908	222-3525	222-6998
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RI TRAINING SCHOOL	ROBERT DUMAIS dumaisr@dcyf.state.ri.us	300 New London Avenue Cranston, RI 02920	464-2061	464-1464
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WILLIAM M. DAVIES, JR, CAREER & TECH HIGH SCHOOL	VICKI PHELPS	Jenckes Hill Road Lincoln, RI 02865	728-1500	728-8910
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SCHOOL DISTRICT	CONTACT/E-MAIL	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX
Charter Schools				
CVS HIGHLANDER	JAN LAMANGA jlamagna@earthlink.net	45 Greeley St Providence, RI 02908	277-2600	277-2603
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE	DEBRA SCHIMBERG	333 Roosevelt Ave Pawtucket, RI 02861	721-0824	
KINGSTON HILL ACADEMY	DANIEL PARKER kingstonhill@earthlink.net	23 North Rd So Kingstown, RI 02879	783-8282	783-5656
PAUL CUFFEE CHARTER SCHOOL	DAVID BOURNS	459 Promenade St Providence, RI 02908	453-2626	453-4964
TEXTRON/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACADEMY	ROBERT PILKINGTON	130 Broadway Providence, RI 02903	456-1738	456-1741
TIMES 2 ACADEMY	RALPH TAYLOR	50 Filmore St Providence, RI 02908	272-5094	272-0555
Collaborative				
EAST BAY	GERALD KOWALCZYK	317 Market St. Warren, RI 02885 kowalczy@ride.ri.net	245-2045 245-7978 ext. 314	245-9332
NORTHERN	MARIE HANLEY ride3730@ride.ri.net	2352 Mendon Road Cumberland, RI 02864	658-5790 ext. 211	658-4012
SOUTHERN	LIZANN R GIBSON gibson@ride.ri.net	646 Camp Ave. No. Kingstown, RI 02852	295-2888	295-3232
WEST BAY	PETER SHOCKET peterwbc@aol.com	144 Bignall St. Warwick, RI 02888	941-8353	941-8535

Vision Services Program

Program Description:

The Vision Services Program provides services to children who are blind or visually impaired. Examples of services include compensatory skills training (specialized skills due to loss of vision) and consultation with families and school personnel.

Eligible Population:

Services are available to children birth through high school graduation or age 21. Students must have a medically diagnosed visual impairment, which is interfering with their academic performance.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

A medical doctor, school personnel or family, may refer children to the Vision Services Program.

Contact Information:

Claire Irwin
Vision Services Program
1 Corliss Park
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 222-3827

Child Outreach Screening

Program Description:

Child Outreach Screening is a developmental screening program available to all children ages 3 through 5 offered through each local educational agency. It provides families with information about their child's development and offers information about other resources available in the community. Children are screened in the areas of motor, language, cognition, behavior and socialization, speech, vision and hearing. If concerns emerge as a result of a screening a referral is made to the local school district for a more in-depth evaluation in order to determine eligibility for special education and related services.

The Rhode Island Department of Education monitors the Child Outreach Screening program.

Eligible Population:

Child Outreach is designed for children between the ages of 3 and 5 years of age.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Families should contact their local school department or call the number below.

Contact Information:

(800) 491-6540

Child Outreach Coordinators on next page.

**RHODE ISLAND
CHILD OUTREACH COORDINATORS
2001**

Barrington	Child Outreach Coordinator 283 County Road Barrington, RI 02806	247-3145
Bristol-Warren	Child Outreach Coordinator 151 State Street Bristol, RI 02806	245-1999
Burrillville	Child Outreach Coordinator Northwest Special Education Region 23 A Theodore Foster Drive North Scituate, RI 02857	647-7560
Central Falls	Child Outreach Coordinator 12 Kendall Street Central Falls, RI 02863	727-6154
Chariho	Child Outreach Coordinator 455A Switch Road Wood River Junction, RI 02894	364-1160
Coventry	Child Outreach Coordinator Washington Oak School 1675 Flat River Road Coventry, RI 02816	822-9410
Cranston	Child Outreach Coordinator 45 Sprague Avenue Cranston, RI 02910	785-8006
Cumberland	Child Outreach Coordinator 2602 Mendon Road Cumberland, RI 02864	658-3307
East Greenwich	Child Outreach Coordinator 646 Camp Avenue North Kingstown, RI 02852	295-2888

East Providence	Child Outreach Coordinator 80 Burnside Avenue East Providence, RI 02915	433-6216
Exeter/West Greenwich	Child Outreach Coordinator 646 Camp Avenue North Kingstown, RI 02852	295-2888
Foster-Gloucester	Child Outreach Coordinator Northwest Special Education Region 23 A Theodore Foster Drive North Scituate, RI 02857	647-7560
Jamestown	Child Outreach Coordinator 75 Melrose Avenue Jamestown, RI 02835	423-7020
Johnston	Child Outreach Coordinator 10 Memorial Drive Johnston, RI 02919	233-1900 Ext 2439
Lincoln	Child Outreach Coordinator 1624 Lonsdale Avenue Lincoln, RI 02865	726-1292
Little Compton	Child Outreach Coordinator Elmhurst School 1 Frank Coelho Drive Portsmouth, RI 02871	683-3570
Middletown	Child Outreach Coordinator Elmhurst School 1 Frank Coelho Drive Portsmouth, RI 02871	683-3570
Narragansett	Child Outreach Coordinator 646 Camp Avenue North Kingstown, RI 02852	295-2888
Newport County	Child Outreach Coordinator Elmhurst School 1 Frank Coelho Drive Portsmouth, RI 02871	683-3570

New Shoreham	Child Outreach Coordinator 646 Camp Avenue North Kingstown, RI 02852	295-2888
North Providence	Child Outreach Coordinator 11 George Street North Providence, RI 02911	233-1100 Ext 129
North Smithfield	Child Outreach Coordinator Northwest Special Education Region 23 A Theodore Foster Drive North Scituate, RI 02857	647-7560
Pawtucket	Child Outreach Coordinator Edward J. Creamer Administration Bldg. Park Place, P.O. Box 388 Pawtucket, RI 02860	729-6511
Portsmouth	Child Outreach Coordinator Elmhurst School 1 Frank Coelho Drive Portsmouth, RI 02871	683-3570
Providence	Child Outreach Coordinator 797 Westminster Street Providence, RI 02903	456-9331
Scituate	Child Outreach Coordinator Northwest Special Education Region 23 A Theodore Foster Drive North Scituate, RI 02857	647-7560
Smithfield	Child Outreach Coordinator 49 Farnum Pike Esmond RI 02917	231-6608
South Kingstown	Child Outreach Coordinator 646 Camp Avenue North Kingstown, RI 02852	295-2888
Tiverton	Child Outreach Coordinator Elmhurst School 1 Frank Coelho Drive Portsmouth, RI 02871	683-3570

Warren	Child Outreach Coordinator Bristol School System 151 State Street Bristol, RI 02806	245-1999
Warwick	Child Outreach Coordinator 101 Lake Shore Drive Warwick, RI 02889	734-3245
Westerly	Child Outreach Coordinator 44 Park Avenue Westerly, RI 02891	348-2712
West Warwick	Child Outreach Coordinator 10 Harris Avenue West Warwick, RI 02893	822-8432
Woonsocket	Child Outreach Coordinator McFee Administration Building 108 High Street Woonsocket, RI 02895	767-4643

School-Based Health Centers

Program Description:

The Centers are located on school premises and offer a range of contracted physical and behavioral health services in school with referrals to other providers as appropriate. The Pawtucket and Central Falls Centers also provide limited oral health services on site.

Eligible Population:

Students attending the school, or an affiliated school.

Geographic Area Served:

Where the School-Based Health Center is located.

Cost to Child or Family:

No cost to the child or family

How to Apply for Services:

Parents must sign a Parental Consent Form to enroll the student in the School-Based Health Center.

Contact Information:

School-Based Health Centers on next page

School-Based Health Center Contact Information

Central Falls	Central Falls Senior High School Grades 9-12 24 Summer Street Central Falls, RI 02863	729-5731
Pawtucket	Slater Junior High School Grades 6-8 281 Mineral Spring Avenue Pawtucket, RI 02860 Also Serves M. Virginia Cunningham Elementary School Grades K-5 40 Baldwin Street Pawtucket, RI 02860	721-2108
	Shea Senior High School Grades 9-12 485 East Avenue Pawtucket, RI 02860	721-2128
Providence	Mt. Pleasant High School Grades 9-12 434 Mt. Pleasant Avenue Providence, RI 02908	456-9183
Woonsocket	Coleman Elementary School Grades 3-5 96 Second Avenue Woonsocket, RI 02895 Also Serves Second Avenue School Grades K-4 And 5 th Avenue School Grades 1-2	767-5474
	Woonsocket Middle School Grades 6-8 357 Park Place Woonsocket, RI 02805	767-4779

Woonsocket High School
Grades 9-12
777 Cass Avenue
Woonsocket, RI 02895

767-4648

Early Head Start

Program Description:

Early Head Start is a national program that provides comprehensive developmental services for low-income, preschool children under 3 and social services for pregnant women. Early Head Start focuses on four cornerstones essential to quality programs: child development; family development; community building, and staff development. The purpose of Early Head Start is to: enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development; enable parents to be better caregivers of and teachers to their children; and help parents meet their own goals, including that of economic dependence.

Eligible Population:

Families of children under 3 years of age and pregnant women whose income is less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for services. Each local Early Head Start Program applies additional eligibility criteria on an individual basis.

See Resource section for the *Federal Poverty Level Guidelines for 2002*.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

There is no fee for services. If parents choose to enroll their children in childcare that extends outside of Head Start hours, they may have to pay additional fees based on their income.

Early Head Start Sites

Children's Friend and Service

Early Head Start

153 Summer Street

Providence, RI 02903

729-9179

New Visions for Newport County

Head Start and Early Head Start

Joel Peckham Center

654 Green End Ave.

Middletown, RI

846-5454

Early Head Start Sites (continued)

Self Help/East Bay Head Start
16 Liberty Street
Warren, RI 02885
245-2833

Tri-Town Community Action Agency
Early Head Start
1126 Hartford Ave.
Johnston, RI 02919
351-2750

Cranston Child Development Center
Head Start and Early Head Start
848 Atwood Ave.
Cranston, RI 02902
943-5160

C.H.I.L.D., Inc.
Head Start and Early Head Start
160 Draper Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
737-0403

Head Start

Program Description:

Head Start is a national program that provides comprehensive developmental services for low-income, preschool children ages 3 to 5 and social services for their families. Head Start offers specific services that focus on education, socio-emotional development, physical and mental health and nutrition.

Eligible Population:

Families of children ages 3 to 5 years of age whose income falls within 100% of the Federal Poverty Level income guidelines are eligible for services. Each local Head Start Program applies additional eligibility criteria on an individual basis.

See Resource section for the *Federal Poverty Level Guidelines for 2002*.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

There is no fee for services. If parents choose to enroll their children in childcare that extends outside of Head Start hours, they may have to pay additional fees based on their income.

Contact Information:

See Next Page

Contact Information for Local Head Start Programs

<p>CHILD, Inc. – Head Start & Early Head Start Director – Lynda Dickinson Disabilities Coordinator – Michelle Wolstenholme Early Head Start – Sonya Murphy 160 Draper Avenue Warwick, Rhode Island 02889 Phone: 737-0403, Fax 737-2302</p>	<p>Children’s Friend and Service Director – Karen Stanley 621 Dexter Street Central Falls, Rhode Island 02863 Phone: 729-9179, Fax 729-0010</p>
<p>Comprehensive Community Action Program Director – Toni Enright Disabilities Coordinator – Judith Soscia Early Head Start – Toni Enright 848 Atwood Avenue Cranston, Rhode Island 02920 Phone: 943-5160, Fax 946-6701</p>	<p>New Visions for Newport County Head Start and Early Head Start Director – Barbara Schermack Disabilities Coordinator – Kathy Stack Joel Peckham School 654 Green End Avenue Middletown, Rhode Island 02842 Phone: 846-5454, Fax 847-2960</p>
<p>Providence Head Start Director – Mary T. Dean Disabilities Coordinator – Debra Saul 20 Almy Street Providence, Rhode Island 02909 Phone: 272-1760, Fax 453-6373</p>	<p>Self Help/East Bay Head Start Director – Mary Nugent Disabilities Coordinator – Debbi Keith Early Head Start – Janet Marquez 16 Liberty Street Warren, Rhode Island 02885 Phone: 245-2833, Fax 245-5430</p>
<p>South County Community Action Agency Director – Carol Hemingway Disabilities Coordinator – Heidi Nordmann 1080 Kingstown Road, Post Office Box 3738 Peace Dale, Rhode Island 02883 Phone: 789-3016, Fax 884-4284</p>	<p>Tri-Town Community Action Agency Director – Susan Connaughton Disabilities Coordinator – Julie Bircher Early Head Start – Rhonda Farrell 1126 Hartford Avenue Johnston, Rhode Island 02919 351-2750, Fax 351-6609</p>
<p>Woonsocket Head Start Director – Karen Bouchard Disabilities Coordinator – Lisa Caswell 204 Warwick Street Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895 Phone: 769-1850, Fax 769-1854</p>	<p>Head Start Collaboration Division 600 New London Avenue Cranston, Rhode Island 02920 Director – Larry Pucciarelli 462-3071, Fax 462-6878</p>

Comprehensive Child Care Services Network

Program Description:

Comprehensive Child Care Services is a program that provides comprehensive childcare services to children age 3 through entry into kindergarten and their families. Comprehensive Child Care Services include assessment and individualized planning regarding children's health, early childhood education, children's mental health, support for children with disabilities, nutrition and family education and empowerment.

Eligible Population:

Children aged 3 through entry into kindergarten who receive a Department of Human Services' subsidy for childcare are eligible. A family's income must be under 225% of the Federal Poverty Level to be eligible for subsidized childcare.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

Program Sites:

PC Network Comprehensive Community Action
311 Doric Ave.
Cranston, RI 02910
Phone: 467-9610

Child Care Connection
25 Blackstone Valley Place
Lincoln, RI 02865
Phone: 334-0100

Children's Network
Meeting Street Center
667 Waterman Ave.
East Providence, RI 02915
Phone: 438-9500

Bay Net
West Bay Community Action
218 Buttonwoods Ave.
Warwick, RI 02886
Phone: 732-4666 x 101

Contact Information:

RI Department of Human Services
Comprehensive Child Care Services
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 462-6875

Rhode Island Services for Children and Youth with Dual Sensory Impairment

Program Description:

This federally funded project provides training and technical assistance related services to children and youth with dual sensory impairments (vision and hearing impairments). Dual sensory impairments means having both auditory and visual impairments that creates such severe communication and other developmental and learning needs that they cannot be appropriately educated without special education and related services.

Eligible Population:

Children birth to 22 years old who reside in Rhode Island that have both vision and hearing impairments are eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Services are available by calling 456-8072.

Contact Information:

Dr. Susan Dell, Project Coordinator
Rhode Island Services for Children and Youth with Dual Sensory Impairment
University Affiliated Program of Rhode Island
Rhode Island College
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 456-8072
Fax: 456-8150

Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Program Description:

The purpose of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired is to provide eligible individuals with visual impairments the opportunities and support that will enable them to become independent, active, self-sustaining members of their community.

Eligible Population:

Children from birth to age 21 are eligible for services if they are visually impaired with acuity of 20/60 or less in the better eye with correction or a field loss of twenty degrees or less in the better eye.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Most services are at no cost.

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be obtained by directly contacting the agency. Referrals can also be made.

Contact Information:

Linda Hughes
RI Department of Human Services
Office of Rehabilitation Services
Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 222-2300 ext. 423
(888) 855-5332

Youth Pride, Inc.

Program Description:

Youth Pride, Inc. (YPI) provides services to youth and young adults affected by sexual orientation and gender identity. Through programs of advocacy, organizing, education and support, YPI's goals are:

1. To work toward the elimination of oppression against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (lgbtq) youth;
2. To provide the necessary support to empower these young people in their communities.

The program uses a multi-model approach that incorporates youth development and empowerment models this approach for various stages of preparation to accept assistance and create change.

Eligible Population:

Serves children and young adults from age 13 to 23 years old.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Nominal fee with some activities, can be waived

How to Apply for Services:

Community referrals.

Contact Information:

Michelle Duso
Youth Pride, Inc.
134 George M. Cohan Blvd.
Providence, RI 02903
421-5626

Enhanced Early Start/Early Start

Program Description:

Home-based services to families with children from birth to 6 years of age. Includes parenting education/skills training, counseling, child development assessments/education, groups, health tracking/monitoring, etc.

Eligible Population:

Enhanced Early Start – birth to 6 years of age

Early Start – birth to 3 years of age

Geographic Area Served:

Enhanced Early Start – Central Falls, Providence

Early Start - Providence

Cost to Child or Family:

None

DCYF/Medicaid billing

How to Apply for Services:

Call manger at either site, or call intake at 276-4300

Contact Information:

Family Support Managers

Nicole Herbert, Providence, 276-4300

Fatima Martins – Central Falls, 729-0008

Project Connect

Program Description:

Intensive home-based and case management services to families affected by substance use. Includes the provision of counseling, parent education, recovery groups, health/developmental services to children, etc.

Eligible Population:

Families with young children affected by substance use.
Predominantly 6 years old and under, but will service up to 18 years old.

Geographic Area Served:

Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick, other communities

Cost to Child or Family:

None
Insurance/Medicaid reimbursement for some services
(DCYF Medicaid billing)

How to Apply for Services:

DCYF worker usually refers the family to manager of program

Contact Information:

Manager, Tina Tudino, LICSW, 729-0008

Project Family

Program Description:

Intensive home-based and case management services to families at risk of abuse/neglect/foster care. Includes the provision of counseling, parent education, case management-collateral work, advocacy, etc.

Eligible Population:

Families with at least one child 6 and under.

DCYF referred for some slots and open community/self slots for others.

Geographic Area Served:

Central Falls, Pawtucket, Providence, other communities

Cost to Child or Family:

None

DCYF/Trust Fund Money

How to Apply for Services:

DCYF worker or family can call manager of program

Contact Information:

Manager, Tina Tudino, LICSW, 729-0008

Family Counseling Program

Program Description:

Counseling services designed to meet the mental health needs of families residing in South Providence and other low-income neighborhoods. Services are targeted toward stabilizing/strengthening family functioning where there has been abuse or neglect, where children have emotional/behavioral difficulties, where children and families are in foster care/adoptive situations.

Eligible Population:

Young children, adolescents, families, parents

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide, but majority of clients from Central Falls, Pawtucket, South Providence

Cost to Child or Family:

Insurance billing/sliding fee scale

How to Apply for Services:

Call intake at 276-4300

Contact Information:

Manager, Barbara Martin, LICSW, 726-4300

Adoption Support and Preservation

Program Description:

Adoption Support and Preservation provides pre-legal and post adoption stabilization/support services to families and their children. Services include: home-based counseling, case management, school advocacy, therapeutic recreation, and support groups.

Eligible Population:

Any child (birth - 18 years old)/family in pre-legal or post adoption situation.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None, DCYF contract

How to Apply for Services:

Call intake at 276-4300.

Contact Information:

Manager: Barbara Martin, LICSW
276-4300

Comprehensive Emergency Services

Program Description:

The Comprehensive Emergency Services (CES) program provides twenty-four (24) hour emergency services, seven (7) days a week for those families who are experiencing a crisis due to issues of child abuse, neglect, and dependency. The voluntary services are directed towards maintaining the children in the home and de-escalating the presenting problem. The CES program is designed to provide services for a period of sixty (60) days.

Eligible Population:

The program serves a culturally and ethnically diverse group of male and female clients. Clients served can be characterized by experiencing difficulties including: lack of parenting skills; poor or no housing; financial problems; lack of adequate food and nutrition; domestic violence; separation and divorce; limited cognitive capacity, etc.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Referrals to the program may come from any source, given the consent of the family. Families may also self refer.

Contact Information:

See attached list of agencies

CES Providers

John Hope Settlement House
PROVIDENCE
7 Burgess Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
454-5619

Family Service, Inc.
BARRINGTON, BRISTOL EAST PROVIDENCE, WARREN,
55 Hope Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02906
331-1350

Child & Family Services of Newport County
JAMESTOWN, LITTLE COMPTON, MIDDLETOWN, NEWPORT, PORTSMOUTH, TIVERTON
24 School Street
Newport, Rhode Island 02840
849-2300

Kent County Mental Health Center
COVENTRY, EAST GREENWICH, WARWICK, WEST GREENWICH, WEST WARWICK
300 Centerville Road
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
732-5656

South Shore Mental Health Center
CHARLESTOWN, EXETER, HOPKINTON, NARRAGANSETT, NEW SHOREHAM, NORTH
KINGSTOWN, RICHMOND, SOUTH KINGSTOWN, WESTERLY
4705A Old Post Road
Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813
364-7705

Family Resources
BURRILLVILLE, CUMBERLAND, LINCOLN, NORTH SMITHFIELD WOONSOCKET
245 Main Street
Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895
766-0900

Comprehensive Community Action
CRANSTON, FOSTER, GLOCESTER, JOHNSTON, NORTH PROVIDENCE, NORTH SMITHFIELD,
SCITUATE, SMITHFIELD
311 Doric Avenue
Cranston, Rhode Island 02910
467-9610

Community Counseling Center
CENTRAL FALLS, PAWTUCKET
160 Beechwood Avenue
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

TechACCESS

Program Description:

TechACCESS provides assistive technology information and services to persons with disabilities. The TechACCESS Program provides information, referral, demonstrations and technical assistance to individuals with questions about assistive technology. Through this resource center parents, children and educators can “try out” and borrow assistive technology. Examples of assistive technology include: communication devices, specially adapted computers for those with visual impairments, and special fork grips for those who cannot use their hands.

Eligible Population:

Children up to the age of 21 are eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Thirty-nine (39) school districts statewide provide services for children ages 3 to 21. Five (5) Early Intervention Programs provide services for children from birth to 3 years of age.

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be obtained by referral or directly calling the number listed below.

Contact Information:

Betty Andrade
TechACCESS of Rhode Island
110 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888
Phone: 463-0202
Fax: 463-3433
TechAccess@TechAccess-RI.org

Additional Resource:

Assistive Technology Access Partnership/
Resource Center for Children
Lisa Labitt, Coordinator
East Bay Educational Collaborative
317 Market Street
Warren, RI 02885
Phone: 245-2045 ext. 302
Fax: 245-9332
labittl@ride.ri.net
www.atap.state.ri.us

CASSP and the Local Coordinating Council

Program Description: “CASSP” stands for Child and Adolescent Service System Program, a system of care for children and youth with severe emotional disturbances. Each of eight mental health catchment areas in the state (See Resource Section) has a Local Coordinating Council, or LCC, to serve their community. The LCC is made up of representatives from mental health, social service, and recreation agencies, local education authorities, state agencies involved with child and family issues, parent advocates, and most importantly parents. The LCC is charged with pulling together a continuum of services that meet the needs of seriously emotionally or behaviorally challenged children and their families in a culturally competent, community-based, child centered and family focused way. The LCCs are responsible for ensuring that services are accessible to families and, most importantly, that families are integral partners in determining the best service plans for their children. This is accomplished through the use of planning teams composed of formal and informal supports identified by the family, family members, and a Family Service Coordinator from the LCC. The latter is an individual with experience in negotiating various service systems within the state. The Family Coordinator assists the family in identifying their strengths, needs, service requests that are then brought to the planning team for the development of an individual service plan for the child and family.

Eligibility Criteria: Children and Youth eligible for CASSP are:

- between the ages of birth and twenty-one (21) years;
- have a serious emotional, behavioral, or mental disorder (DSM-IV) with the exception of (“V” codes) substance abuse and developmental disorders, unless they are a co-occurring disorder with another serious emotional disturbance;
- have a disability that has been, or is potentially on-going for a period of one (1) year or more;
- are in need of multi-agency intervention; and
- are at risk for out of home or more restrictive placements due to emotional/behavioral problems.

Geographic Area Served: Statewide, see below

Cost to Child or Family: There is no cost associated with a referral to CASSP. Many of the services typically recommended can and/or will be covered through medical insurance, through legal mandate (such as IEPs), or through the Local Coordinating Council/CASSP wrap-around funds. At times, if appropriate, families may be asked to cost share for specific services.

How to Apply for (or get) Services: Referrals to CASSP can be made by parent, youth, other family members, community providers, or other individuals involved in a child’s life who feel this service would be beneficial to a child/youth and their family.

CASSP/LCC Contacts

Providence

John Hope Settlement House
7 Burgess Street
Providence, RI 02903
421-6993, Fax 454-5619

Northern Rhode Island LCC

Burrillville, Cumberland, Lincoln
North Smithfield, Woonsocket

Stadium Building

1 Social Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
762-3429

Pawtucket/Central Falls

Central Falls, Pawtucket

Community Counseling Center

160 Beechwood Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
722-5573, ext 232, Fax 726-5571

Kent County LCC

Coventry, East
Greenwich, Warwick, West Greenwich
West Warwick

Kent County Mental Health Center

Summit South
300 Centerville Rd, Suite 301S
Warwick, RI 02886
732-5656, Fax 738-8634

Metro West

Cranston, Foster, Glocester
Johnston, Scituate, Smithfield

MHS of Cranston, Johnston, and NWRI

311 Doric Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910
784-3633, Fax 784-3636

Washington County

Charlestown
Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New
Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond
South Kingstown, Westerly

South Shore Community MHC

730 Kingstown Road
Wakefield, RI 02879
789-1166, Fax 789-7035

East Bay

Barrington, Bristol, East
Providence Warren

East Bay Community Mental Health Center

Adams Farley Center
610 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, RI 02915
431-9870, ext 226, Fax 438-1957

Newport

Jamestown, Little Compton,
Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton

Newport County Mental Health Center

26 Valley Road
Middletown, RI 02842
848-6363

More Information in Resource Section

Project Hope

Program Description:

Project Hope is a federally funded, state initiative developed to address the multiple needs of adjudicated youth with serious emotional disturbances by developing a flexible community-based service system that incorporates key program elements from documented best practices in both Children's Mental Health and Juvenile Justice systems. Project Hope is administered at the state level by the Department for Children, Youth, and Families' Division of Children's Behavioral Health and Education. The Department channels the federal funds to the community through contracts, building upon the interagency and clinical infrastructure already established in the state's eight (8) mental health catchment areas. (See Resource Section).

Eligible Population:

Youths between the ages of 12 – 21, who have been adjudicated delinquent, who have serious emotional disturbances and who are transitioning from the Rhode Island Training School for Youth (RITS) back into their own communities.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

Funded through traditional resources such as Medicaid and other insurance programs, and non-traditional resources such as wrap-around funding.

How to Apply for Services:

Referrals to Project Hope are made by clinical social workers at RITS.

Contact Information:

Project Hope is an extension of the RI CASSP/LCC system of care and is contracted through the same agencies and fiscal agents. The CASSP Local Coordinating Councils are the local project authority for each catchment area. Contact information (by catchment area) is listed on the following page

Local Coordinating Councils – Project Hope

Providence LCC – Project Hope

Michelle Freeman, Supervisor 223-0031

Project Hope staff are located at:

John Hope Settlement House
7 Burgess Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Geographical Area Served: The City of Providence

Northern Rhode Island LCC – Project Hope

Louise LaMountain, Supervisor 762-3986

Project Hope staff are located at:

Stadium Building
18 Monument Square, Suite 302
Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895

Geographical Area Served: Burrillville, Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield,
Woonsocket

Pawtucket/Central Falls LCC – Project Hope

Frank Pace, Supervisor 722-5573, ext. 239

Project Hope staff are located at:

Community Counseling Center
160 Beechwood Avenue
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

Geographical Area Served: Central Falls, Pawtucket

Kent County LCC – Project Hope

Barbara Lamoureux – Supervisor 738-1338, ext. 327

Project Hope staff are located at:

Kent County Mental Health Center
Summit South
300 Centerville Road, Suite 301S
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

Geographical Area Served: Coventry, East Greenwich, Warwick, West Greenwich, West
Warwick

Children's Intensive Services

Program Description:

Children's Intensive Services (CIS) is a six month acute hospital diversion program which is community based for children/youth at risk of hospitalization or out of home placement. A full range of clinical services including psychiatric treatment/evaluation, case management, in-home behavior management, medication management and intensive coordination with physical health care providers and other social service agencies, including schools.

Eligible Population:

As defined by contract, the first priority are Medicaid and uninsured children/youth at risk of psychiatric hospitalization, or being discharged from a psychiatric hospital. The second priority is Medicaid or uninsured children/youth at risk for out of home placement. The third is insured children/youth at risk of hospitalization/placement. Age range is 3-18 years old (21 years if involved with DCYF).

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No cost to child or family. State funding (DCYF/DHS) and Federal Medicaid dollars. Vendors bill Medicaid or DCYF depending on status of the child/youth.

How to Apply for Services:

Contact the local Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC) for services. All children/youth referred will receive an initial assessment with a clinical therapist to determine the level of community based clinical intervention needed.

Contact Information:

See Community Mental Health Centers on next page. Each of the CMHC is a CIS vendor. In addition, Family Services, Inc. provides the same services on a statewide basis.

Family Services, Inc.
55 Hope Street
Providence, RI 02906
Tel. 331-1350.

RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS
CIS Programs

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER

160 Beechwood Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Richard H. LeClerc
Executive Director

722-5573
Fax 722-5630
email: rleclerc@gatewayhealth.org

Micha Richter
CIS Coordinator

101 Bacon Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

727-7034

Area Served: Central Falls, Pawtucket

EAST BAY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC.

52 Amaral Street
East Providence, RI 02915-2205

John Digits
Executive Director

431-9875
Fax 435-7488
email: jdigits@eastbay.org

Jim Pinel
Director of Children's Services
Adams Farley Center
610 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, RI 02915

431-9870
Fax 438-1957

Area served: Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Warren

KENT COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

300 Centerville Road/Suite 301S
Warwick, RI 02886

David Lauterbach
Executive Director

732-5656
Fax 738-8634
email: kcmhc@ids.net

Barbara Lamoreaux
Director of Children's Services
300 Centerville Road/Suite 301S
Warwick, RI 02886

email: kcmhc@ids.net

Area Served: Coventry, E. Greenwich, Warwick, W. Greenwich,, W. Warwick

M.H.S. OF CRANSTON, JOHNSTON, AND N.W. RI, INC.

District office located at Hartford Ave., Atwood Ave., & Doric Ave.

Administrative Office:

249 Roosevelt Ave., Suite 205

Pawtucket, RI 02860

724-8400

Fax 724-8488

Executive Director: Richard LeClerc

Elizabeth Johnson

CIS Coordinator

located at: 311 Doric Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910

784-3600

Area Served: Cranston, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, N. Providence, Scituate, Smithfield

NEWPORT COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

J.Clement Cicilline, Executive Director

127 Johnnycake Hill Road

Middletown, RI 02840

846-1213

Fax 848-9151

Chris Reidy

Administrator of Child & Adolescent Svcs.

26 Valley Road

Middletown, RI 02842

email: reidyc@ids.net

848-6363

Fax 848-6389

Area Served: Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth,, Tiverton

NRI COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.

Executive Director: Christian L. Stephens

PO Box 1700

Woonsocket, RI 02895

766-3330

Fax 769-1810

Judith Green

CIS Coordinator

766-3330, ext. 7403

Area Served: Lincoln, North Smithfield, Woonsocket, Burrillville, Cumberland

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

Charles E. Maynard

Executive Director

520 Hope Street

Providence, RI 02906

email: cmaynard@provctr.org

276-4000

Fax 276-4015

Susan Stevenson

Director of Children's Services

276-4072

Fax 276-4074

Area Served: Providence

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Richard C Antonelli

Executive Director

P.O. Box 899

Charlestown, RI 02813

email: rca@ssmhc.org

364-7705

Fax# 364-3310

Ginny Stack

Director of Children's Services

P.O. Box 899

Charlestown, RI 02813

email: vstack@ssmhc.org

789-1166

Fax 789-7035

Area Served: Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, Richmond, N. Kingstown, South Kingstown, Westerly

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Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program

Program Description:

This federal and state funded program, also known as Medicaid, pays for health care services for children and families, individuals with disabilities and the elderly if income eligible. The Department of Human Services administers the RI Medical Assistance Program.

Eligible Population:

There are a few ways that a child may be eligible for Medical Assistance benefits. They are: RIte Care, RIte Share, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Katie Beckett. For more information, see the following pages:

RIte Care, p. 44

RIte Share, p. 46

Katie Beckett, p. 47

Supplemental Security Income (SSI), p. 49

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

There is a minimal cost for health care services for RIte Care members if a family's income is above 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. There is no cost to families for the following: RIte Share, SSI/Medical Assistance, or Katie Beckett.

How to Apply for Services:

See individual program for information on how to apply for services.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Center for Child and Family Health
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

Center for Child and Family Health Info Line

English (401) 462-1300

Spanish (401) 462-1500

TDD (401) 462-3363

RItE Care

Program Description:

RItE Care is Rhode Island's Medicaid managed care program that provides health insurance to eligible uninsured pregnant women, parents and children up to age 19. Families receive their health care through participating Health Plans. RItE Care's participating Health Plans include: Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island; Blue CHiP; and United Healthcare of New England. See page 22 for Health Plan Member Services phone numbers.

Eligible Population:

Eligibility is based on family size and income. Eligible populations include:

- ❖ Pregnant women with family incomes less than 350% of the federal poverty level
- ❖ Families with children up to age 18 with family incomes less than 185% of the federal poverty level
- ❖ Children less than 19 with family incomes less than 250% of the federal poverty level

See Federal Poverty Level guidelines in the *Resource Section*.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Families whose income is greater than 150% of the federal poverty level pay \$61, \$77 or \$92 per month depending on their income. Families whose income is below 150% of the federal poverty level do not pay for their health insurance coverage.

How to Apply for Services:

There are two ways to apply for RItE Care:

1. Visit a local Department of Human Services (DHS) office; See page 54 or
2. Apply by mail. To get an application call one of the numbers listed below.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Center for Child and Family Health
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

Center for Child and Family Health Info Line

English	(401) 462-1300 or (401) 462-5300
Spanish	(401) 462-1500
TDD	(401) 462-3363

Rite Care Health Plans Member Services

Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island

(800) 963-1001

Neighborhood Health Plan of RI
50 Holden St.
Providence, RI 02908

United Healthcare of New England

(800) 587-5187

United Healthcare of New England
475 Kilvert Street
Warwick, RI 02886

Coordinated Health Partners, Inc. (Blue CHiP)

(800) 564-0888

Coordinated Health Partners, Inc.
15 LaSalle Square
Providence, RI 02903

RItE Share: Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

Program Description:

This program helps low and middle income families obtain health insurance coverage through their employer by paying all or part of the employee's share of monthly premiums. Under the RItE Share program, individuals who are eligible for Medical Assistance *and* are employed by an employer who offers an approved health plan can enroll in their employer's health insurance plan. The RItE Share program will also pay for co-payments associated with the employer's health plan.

Eligible Population:

- ◆ Pregnant women whose annual income is below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- ◆ Children (birth to age 19) whose family's annual income is below 250% of the FPL
- ◆ Families with children under age 18 whose income is below 185% of the FPL

See *Resource* section for the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines for 2002.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Families whose income is greater than 150% of the federal poverty level pay a monthly premium amount which ranges from \$61-\$92 depending on a family's income.

How to Apply for Services:

There are two ways to apply for RItE Share:

- Visit a local Department of Human Services (DHS) office; See page 54 or
- Apply by mail. To get an application call one of the numbers listed below.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Center for Child and Family Health
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

Center for Child and Family Health Info Line

English	(401) 462-1300 or (401) 462-5300
Spanish	(401) 462-1500
TDD	(401) 462-3363

Katie Beckett Eligibility

Program Description:

The Medical Assistance Program provides coverage to certain children under the age of 18 who have disabling conditions and live at home. This enables children with disabilities to be cared for at home instead of in an institution.

Eligible Population:

Certain children under the age of 18 who live at home may be eligible for Medical Assistance benefits/coverage through Katie Beckett. The cost of care provided through Katie Beckett must be less than what Medical Assistance would pay if the child were in a hospital or other institutional setting. Also, a parent's resources do not count when determining eligibility.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

There are two ways to apply for services depending on the child's type of disability:

1. If the child requires medical involvement (oxygen, feeding tubes, monitors, frequent or lengthy hospitalizations), apply to: Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Long Term Care Unit. See the next page or www.dhs.state.ri.us for the DHS' local office directory, under "program: Long Term Care".
2. If the child has a developmental disability such as cerebral palsy, seizures, Down Syndrome, autism, apply to:

Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Simpson Hall
Howard Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 462-3421

Contact Information:

RI Department of Human Services
Center for Child and Family Health
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Simpson Hall, Howard Avenue
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

CCFH Info Line

(401) 462-1300 English
(401) 462-1500 Spanish
(401) 462-3363 TDD

(401) 462-3421

DHS Offices for Katie Becket Applicants

When applying for Katie Beckett/Medicaid Assistance applicants should
call their local DHS Office for their town. (See list below)

If you live in...	DHS Office for Long Term Care	Phone Number
Providence North Providence	Providence Regional Family Center 206 Elmwood Ave. Providence, RI	Phone: 222-7371 Fax: 222-7333
E. Providence Central Falls Pawtucket Barrington		Phone: 222-7000 Fax: 222-7333
Burrillville Cumberland Glocester Lincoln N. Smithfield Smithfield Woonsocket	Woonsocket Family Center 450 Clinton Street Woonsocket, RI 02895	Phone: 235-6300 Fax: 235-6479
Bristol Jamestown Little Compton Middletown Newport Portsmouth Tiverton	DHS Family Center 110 Enterprise Drive Middletown, RI 02842	Phone: 849-6000 Fax: 849-9066
Charlestown Coventry Cranston East Greenwich Exeter Foster Hopkinton Johnston Narragansett New Shoreham Richmond Scituate South Kingstown Warren Westerly West Warwick Warwick West Greenwich	DHS Long Term Care Benjamin Rush Bldg. #55 Howard Avenue Cranston, RI 02920	Phone: 462-5182 Fax: 462-3034

Supplemental Security Income

Program Description:

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program that provides monthly cash benefits to individuals, including children with a physical, developmental and/or mental impairment that results in “marked and severe functional limitations”. If a child is eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, they are also eligible to receive Medical Assistance benefits.

Eligible Population:

Children under the age of 18 with a physical, developmental and/or mental impairment may be eligible if their family also qualifies based on limited income and resources. After the age of 18, SSI benefits are based only on the income of the individual applying for SSI.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Call or visit the local Social Security Office. Information is available by phone in both English and Spanish.

1-800-772-1213

Contact Information:

District Manager
Social Security Office
380 Westminster Street, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 528-4535 or 800-772-1213
Fax: 528-4698

Regional Offices:

Social Security Administration
55 Broad Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 724-9611 or 800-772-1213

Social Security Administration
106 Pleasant Street
Attleboro, MA 02703
Phone: 508-226-2710 or 800-772-1213

Social Security Administration
380 Westminster Mall, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 528-4501 or 800-772-1213

Social Security Administration
30 Quaker Lane, 1st Floor
Warwick, RI 02886-0111
Phone: 822-1463 or 800-772-1213

Durable Medical Equipment

Description: A benefit in the Medical Assistance Program available for children from birth up to 21 years of age if medically necessary. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) is equipment or devices used for medical/rehabilitative purposes in the home or community. Prior authorization is required. Examples of DME include:

- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Specialized Strollers
- Crutches
- Hospital beds
- Feeding chairs
- Portable ramps
- Oxygen and home-based therapy equipment
- Assistive technology
- Cardiac monitors
- Hearing aids
- Apnea monitors

Devices not covered by RI Medical Assistance Program include: devices or equipment permanently attached to a structure, air conditioners, swimming pools or whirlpools.

Eligible Population:

For children enrolled in RItE Care, DME is a Health Plan benefit

How to Apply for Services:

For children on Medical Assistance, families can call a DME vendor who participates in the RI Medical Assistance Program. The vendor will evaluate the child's need and coordinate getting the necessary documentation to the Department of Human Services for review and approval.

See page 43 for more information on the RI Medical Assistance Program.

Home-Based Therapeutic Services

Description: Home-Based Therapeutic Services (HBTS) is a Medical Assistance benefit that provides intense, individualized services to children with severe behavioral health and/or developmental disorders. Services are individualized and are provided in the child's home by trained paraprofessionals under the direction and supervision of licensed health care professionals. Parent participation and involvement are required.

Department of Health licensed health care professionals eligible to serve in this capacity for HBTS include the following categories: psychologist, licensed independent clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech and language pathologist, and/or registered nurse with a Masters Degree.

How to Apply for Services:

Families should approach one of the CEDARR Family Centers (see resource section) to receive information about HBTS and its services. A CEDARR Family Center will assess current circumstances, continuing needs, and make recommendations that could include HBTS. The CEDARR Family Center is responsible with the family to determine the types of service needed, intervention needed, the intensity of services, the required outcome of services, the appropriate approach to service intervention, and to recommend to the Department of Human Services (DHS), the authorization of service type, intensity, and duration of treatment so that DHS can issue a prior authorization.

A list of CEDARR Direct Service HBTS Provider-Agencies can be found in the CEDARR Family Center's Medical Assistance Provider binder. The list of potential providers is not fixed and can be expanded with the addition of new providers at any time.

For more information on the RI Medical Assistance Program, see page 43.

Pediatric Home Care Services

Skilled Nursing Services

Description: The Skilled Nursing Services benefit provides pediatric private duty nursing services to children who are medically fragile and would otherwise require inpatient care in a hospital or pediatric nursing facility. Skilled private duty nursing services are provided in a child's home.

How to Apply for Services:

The child's primary care physician, the discharge planning staff at the hospital, or the rehabilitation facility may refer the child for services.

Certified Nursing Assistant Services

Description: The Certified Nursing Assistant Services benefit provides personal care and assistance with activities of daily living for children who have a disability. Services are provided in the child's home.

How to Apply for Services:

The child's primary care physician submits a written request to the address below describing the child's medical history with a description of the child's needs. A copy of the child's Early Intervention Program - Individual Family Support Plan (IFSP) or the Special Education Program - Individual Education Plan (IEP) should be included with the request.

Dental Services For Children

Description: Dental Services is a Medical Assistance benefit which covers:

- 1) Preventive Dental Care, which includes:
 - 2 cleanings per year
 - sealants
 - fillings as necessary
 - x-rays
- 2) Other Dental Services as medically necessary
(most require prior approval)
- 3) Orthodontics (need prior approval)

Eligible population:

Children up to 21 years of age who have Medical Assistance coverage (RIte Care, RIte Share, Katie Beckett, SSI/Medical Assistance)

Geographic area served: Statewide

Cost to Child or Family: no cost if on Medical Assistance

How to Apply for Services: No application is necessary. Families should contact the dentist(s) in their area to see if they accept Medical Assistance coverage for payment. RIte Care Health Plans- Member Services (See page 45) can help families on RIte Care find a dentist who accepts Medical Assistance coverage.

RI Department of Human Services (DHS) Offices

If you live in...	Local DHS Office Location	Phone Number
Coventry Cranston West Greenwich West Warwick	Cranston DHS Forand Building 600 New London Ave. Cranston, RI 02920	462-6500 Fax # 462-6504
Foster Scituate Johnston North Providence	Johnston DHS 1514 Atwood Ave Johnston, RI 02919	222-5666 Fax # 222-5684
Jamestown Newport Middletown Little Compton Portsmouth Tiverton	DHS Family Center 110 Enterprise Drive Middletown, RI 02842	849-6000 800-675-9397 Fax # 849-9066
East Greenwich North Kingstown Narragansett South Kingstown Exeter Charlestown Hopkinton Richmond Westerly New Shoreham	North Kingstown DHS 7734 Post Road North Kingstown, RI 02852	267-1030 800-862-0222 Fax # 267-1040
Central Falls Barrington Bristol East Providence Pawtucket Warren	Pawtucket DHS 24 Commerce Street Pawtucket, RI 02860	729-5400 Fax # 729-8756
Providence	Providence DHS 206 Elmwood Avenue Providence, RI 02907	222-7000 TTY 222-7032 Fax # 521-4875
Warwick	Warwick DHS 100 Meadow Street Warwick, RI 02888	736-6511 Fax # 737-6557

Burrillville
Glocester
Smithfield
North Smithfield
Woonsocket
Cumberland
Lincoln

Woonsocket DHS
450 Clinton Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

235-6300
800-510-6988
TTY 235-6490
Fax # 235-6303

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network

Program Description:

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) is a statewide, non-profit organization committed to empowering, educating and encouraging families to seek positive outcomes for their children. Families and professionals seek the expertise and guidance of RIPIN staff via telephone, in person, or by participating in one of our many training workshops. Training and parenting information focuses on education, child development, disabilities, health care, effective home-school partnerships, fatherhood, early intervention, transition planning, violence prevention, literacy, basic rights, special education law and more.

In addition to offering families with children guidance, referrals, training and support, RIPIN maintains a lending library of books and videos and a website full of helpful links and resources for helping all children reach their full potential.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call the Rhode Island Parent Information or check the RIPIN website: www.ripin.org

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144, 1-800-464-3399 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 727-4040

ripin@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

Parent Training and Information Center RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

The Parent Training and Information Center (PTIC) is managed by the Rhode Island Parent Information Network. The PTIC offers support, workshops, training, information and resources to parents and professionals seeking to improve educational and life outcomes for children with disabilities from birth to twenty-one years of age.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call the Parent Training and Information Center at RIPIN or check the RIPIN website: www.ripin.org

Contact Information:

Cheryl Collins, Parent Training and Information Center Program Director
Rhode Island Parent Information Network
175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 727-4144 x 52 1-800-464-3399 x 52(toll free in Rhode Island only)
Fax: 727-4040
collins@ripin.org
www.ripin.org

Parent Information and Resource Center

RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

The Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC) is part of the Rhode Island Parent Information Network. The PIRC seeks to provide education and support to parents and professionals to encourage the development of effective home-school partnerships as well as to improve education and life-outcomes for all children. Individual assistance, workshops, and parenting information are available year round.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call the Parent Information and Resource Center at RIPIN or check the RIPIN website: www.ripin.org

Contact Information:

Gladys Tiede, Parent Information and Resource Center, Program Director
Rhode Island Parent Information Network
175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 727-4144 x54 1-800-464-3399 x54 (toll free in Rhode Island only)
Fax: 724-0867
riede@ripin.org
www.ripin.org

Family Voices of Rhode Island RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

A national organization of families and friends working on behalf of children with special health care needs, Family Voices provides health care information and support for all parents with children as well for those with children who have disabilities and chronic illnesses.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information about Family Voices, parents can call the Rhode Island Parent Information Network or check the RIPIN Family Voices website:
www.ripin.org/familyvoices.html

Contact Information:

Dawn Wardyga, Family Voices Program Director
Rhode Island Parent Information Network
175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 727-4144 x58 1-800-464-3399 x58 (toll free in Rhode Island only)
Fax: 727-4040
familyvoices@ripin.org
www.ripin.org/familyvoices.html

Parents As Teachers RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a statewide home visiting program that is managed by The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN). RIPIN firmly believes that parents are their child's first and best teacher. Through home visits to parents with children from birth to five years of age, families are offered: 1) information on their child's growth and development, 2) access to state and community based resources, 3) opportunities to meet other parents with children of a similar age and 4) annual developmental screenings for their child.

Eligible Population:

Families with children between the ages of birth and five.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information about the Parents as Teachers Program, parents can call the Rhode Island Information Network (RIPIN) or check the RIPIN website: www.ripin.org

Contact Information:

Monica Darcy, PhD, Parents as Teachers Program Director

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x37 1-800-464-3399 x54 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 724-0867

tiede@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

The Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a statewide visiting program for parents of children from three to five years of age. Offered by the Rhode Island Parent Information Network, HIPPY supports the development of school readiness through cognitive skill building, information about the local school district, parent-networking opportunities, and by connecting families to community resources.

Eligible Population:

Parents with children between the ages of three and five.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call HIPPY at 401-729-6509.

Contact Information:

Mary Doyle, Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters Program Director
175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 729-6509

Child Care Support Network RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

The Child Care Support Network (CCSN) is a program offered by The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN). CCSN provides training and technical assistance to childcare providers and parents interested in enhancing their knowledge of typical early childhood learning, developmental milestones and signs of developmental delays.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call the Child Care Support Network at RIPIN.

Contact Information:

Marsha Schlesinger, Child Care Support Network Program Director
Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x56 1-800-464-3399 x56 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 727-4040

schlesinger@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

Father and Family Network of Rhode Island

RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

The Father and Family Network is a group of individuals and agencies working together to build, promote and strengthen responsible fatherhood at home, in neighborhoods, community organizations and work environments. Trainings are offered throughout the school year on parenting skills as well as on how to support and sustain father-friendly work environments and programs in your community.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call the Father and Family Network of Rhode Island at RIPIN.

Contact Information:

Barbara Mays-Stock, Co-Director of the Father and Family Network of Rhode Island
Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x64 1-800-464-3399 x64 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 724-0867

maysstock@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

Coalition for Family Involvement RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

Initiated by the Rhode Island Parent Information Network. The Coalition for Family Involvement is a family driven, statewide advocacy group for all children and their families. The intention is to integrate the family perspective at all levels of decision-making in government, public policy creation and funding channels.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information about the Coalition, call the Rhode Island Parent Information Network.

Contact Information:

Cheryl Collins, Program Director

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x52 1-800-464-3399 x52 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 727-4040

priestley@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

Facilitating Appropriate Collaborative Educational Services RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

Facilitating Appropriate Collaborative Educational Services (FACES) is a program offered by the Rhode Island Parent Information Network. Trained volunteers assist parents and professionals in problem-solving and advocacy regarding special education for the child or children in their care.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information about FACES, parents can call the Rhode Island Parent Information Network.

Contact Information:

Kelly Simmons, Training Coordinator
Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x61 1-800-464-3399 x61 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 727-4040

simmons@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

First Book

RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

Distributing age-appropriate literature to families with children who qualify for state support or free/reduced cost lunches in Rhode Island is intended to instill a love for reading and to address the importance of literacy in every household. RIPIN's First Book Program provides family service agencies throughout the state with books for infants, children and young people up to the age of eighteen.

Eligible Population:

Families must qualify for state support or free/reduced cost school lunches.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Call First Book at the Rhode Island Parent Information Network.

Contact Information:

Marsha Schlesinger, First Book Program Director

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x56 1-800-464-3399 x56 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 724-0867

schlesinger@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

Ocean State Kids Coalition RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

Ocean State Kids (OS Kids) is a collaborative project intended to address the digital divide as it affects families with children with disabilities, medically fragile children and children in Title 1 Schools. Using web-based technology provided through donated computers and supported by training, families can improve their connection to the community and increase their capacity to understand and deal with issues associated with their child's disabilities, medical and educational issues.

Eligible Population:

Families with a child or children with special needs.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

To Be Determined

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call the Ocean State Kids Coalition at the Rhode Island Parent Information Network.

Contact Information:

Judith Kapuscinski, Project Coordinator
Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x35 1-800-464-3399 x35 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 727-4040

kapuscinski@ripin.org

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Parent Consultant and Early Intervention Services

RI Parent Information Network

Program Description:

Parent Consultants, trained and supervised through the Rhode Island Parent Information Network, work at the Rhode Island Department of Health and Early Intervention sites throughout the state to ensure family centered practices in programs such as WIC, Disability and Health, Lead, Immunization, SSDI, and Adolescent Health. Throughout the school year, trainings and workshops on early intervention services and transition planning are available to families and early intervention providers.

Eligible Population:

Parents with children between the birth and three.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access early intervention information and training, parents can call the Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) or check the RIPIN website: www.ripin.org

Contact Information:

Lisa Schaffran, Early Intervention Program Director
Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

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Adriana Leon, Parent Consultant Program Director

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3 Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02903

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adrianal@doh.state.ri.us

Child Opportunity Zone Family Centers

Program Description:

Child Opportunity Zone (COZ) Family Centers are located at or near a school where families can have access to coordinated education, health and social services. COZ's help families get before and after child care services, education enrichment, adult education, preventive health and safety programs, health screening and referrals, early care and education programs and other services.

Eligible Population:

All families connected to the target school or the neighborhoods of the school are eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

See Next Page

Cost to Child or Family:

There is no cost to the child or family to access COZ services and programs. Many programs and services offered through COZs are free; however, some may have costs associated with them.

How to Apply for Services:

To apply for services, contact the local family center COZ coordinators. See Next Page

Contact Information:

Barbara Burgess
Jackie Ascrizzi
Rhode Island Department of Education
255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 222-4600 ext. 2363/2362
Fax: 222-3080

**RHODE ISLAND COZ FAMILY CENTER
COORDINATORS**

Bristol - Warren

Myra Webster
Main Street School
689 Main Street -
Warren, RI 02885
Phone: 245-2461
Fax: 247-3743
e-mail: websterm@bw.k12.ri.us

Central Falls

Alberto Cardona
Central Falls School District
325 Cowden Street
Central Falls, RI 02863
Phone: 727-6177 x 203
Fax: 727-6184
e-mail: apntecard@hotmail.com

Cranston

Maureen Greaves
Gladstone Street School
50 Gladstone Street
Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 943-3029
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e-mail: mgreaves8@aol.com

Middletown

Katie Jones
Forest Avenue School
315 Forest Avenue
Middletown, RI 02842
Phone: 849-9434
Fax: 846-4709
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Newport

Christine Arouth
Sullivan School
Dexter Street
Newport, RI 02840
Phone: 845-8579 x 23
Fax: 845-0591
e-mail: rid24762@ride.ri.net

North Kingstown

Donna Thompson
Davisville Elementary School
50 East Court
North Kingstown, RI 02852
Phone: 541-6340 or 268-6435
Fax: 541-6350
e-mail: ride2126@ride.ri.net

Pawtucket

Mary Parella
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40 Baldwin Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 729-6293
Fax: 729-9201
e-mail: parellam@psdri.net

Providence

Doris Hernandez
Dorcas Place
270 Elmwood Avenue
Providence, RI 02907
Phone: 273-8866 x 31
Fax: 273-8893
e-mail: dhernandez@dorcasplace.org

Westerly

Sally Mitchell
Westerly High School
23 Ward Avenue
Westerly, RI 02891
Phone: 596-6856
Fax: 348-0286
e-mail: sal2258@hotmail.com

Woonsocket

Terry Curtin
Connecting for Children & Families
28 First Avenue
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Phone: 766-3384
Fax: 762-2324
e-mail: tcurtinccf@aol.com

Family Outreach Program

Program Description:

The Family Outreach Program (FOP) supports families and their children during the early years of childhood development. This program offers home visits and follow-up services that are designed to meet a variety of family needs. Through the Family Outreach Program, families and children are linked to community agencies and resources.

Eligible Population:

Pregnant women and families with infants and young children up to age 5 are eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Families can call the Department of Health to request services:

Contact Information:

Family Outreach Program
Rhode Island Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 222-5949
Fax: 222-1442

Adolescent Self-Sufficiency Collaborative

Program Description:

The Adolescent Self-Sufficiency Collaborative (ASSC) is a network of social service and health agencies. It employs skilled counselors/educators to assist teen parents and pregnant teens toward self-sufficiency and self-support. The ASSC teaches participants about child development and how parents can assist their child(ren) to successfully learn and grow. It assists each teen to identify educational and employment goals. It assists teens to develop life skills that will better prepare them to reach their educational and employment goals. The ASSC helps teens to successfully return to, and maintain, their role as students.

Eligible Population:

Any pregnant and parenting teens under age 20 regardless of household income. (Does not have to be on welfare) In some cases, non-custodial parenting teens may participate.

1. Never married minors (under 18) must live with a parent, adult relative or a legal guardian in order to receive FIP cash benefits. If the minor parent or pregnant minor is unable to do that under certain circumstances, the counselor/educator will help her to find an adult supervised setting, including DHS New Opportunity Homes. (This is not a child welfare placement!)
2. If 18 or 19 year old, without a diploma or GED, and currently out of school, teen parents must undergo an academic assessment, which will assure proper educational placement. These teens should attend school full time. Adult teen parents must also complete an assessment of their life skills and parenting skills, and then participate in information sessions to develop these skills further.
3. 18 and 19 year olds have some additional options: teens may work toward a diploma or GED, attend a training program (which may not require a diploma) or become employed.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

The RI Department of Human Services (DHS) administers The Family Independence Program (FIP) at local welfare office around the state. 18 and 19 year old teens can work and still get cash benefits. More people are getting partial welfare (FIP) payments while they work even full time. As long as teens receive even a partial welfare payment, DHS will pay for day care and Rite Care while they work. 18 and 19 year old teen parents, while receiving FIP and in an approved educational, training or pre-employment program, can have DHS pay for child care and transportation costs. All teen parents under 20, not receiving an FIP cash benefit may receive free childcare for the time they are working toward their high school diploma or GED.

How to Apply for Services:

Contact one of the ASSC offices closest to where you live.

Contact Information:

The local ASSC offices with contact information are on next page.

Adolescent Self-Sufficiency Collaborative Contacts

Region	Areas Served	Lead Agency	Collaborators
Northern	Barrington, Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, E. Providence, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, N. Providence, N. Smithfield, Pawtucket, Smithfield, Woonsocket	Blackstone Valley Community Action Sharon King, Regional Coordinator 32 Goff St., Pawtucket, 02860 Tel. 723-4520, Fax 725-6550 Youth Responsibility: Javier Centeno	Self-Help, Inc.: Doris Delekta 437-5105 Tri Town Community Action: Jennifer Caffrey Youth Responsibility: Lonnie Caffrey 351-2750, ext. 1135
Central	Cranston, Coventry, East Greenwich, Exeter, Foster, Scituate, Warwick, West Greenwich, West Warwick	Comprehensive Community Action Wendy Seastrunk, Regional Coordinator 311 Doric Ave., Cranston 02910 Tel. 461-4640 ext 138, Fax 467-9030 Youth Responsibility: Frank Gomes	West Bay Community Action Rene Cardile 732-4660 ext. 113
Southern	Charlestown, Hopkinton, Narragansett, N. Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, Westerly	South County Community Action Kelly McCarthy, Regional Coordinator 1080 Kingstown Rd., Wakefield, 02879 Tel. 789-3016 ext 339, Fax 884-4284	Visiting Nurse Association Health Centers/S. County Wood River Health Center
Providence	Providence	Urban League of Rhode Island Loretta Becker, Regional Coordinator 246 Prairie Ave., Providence, 02905 Tel. 351-5000 ext 147, Fax 454-1946 Youth Responsibility: Justin Matthews	
Eastern	Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Warren	VNS: Young Parents Program Jennifer Nappi, Regional Coordinator 21 Chapel St., Newport, -2840 Tel. 849-2101, Fax 849-7720	New Visions for Newport
		Department of Human Services 600 New London Ave. Bldg 57 Cranston, 02920 Pamela Goodwin, State Coordinator Tel. 462-6829, Fax 462-1846	

Parents and Friends for Alternate Living

Program Description:

Parents and Friends for Alternate Living (PAL) supports people with a disability and their families as they advocate for themselves. It promotes individual direction and supports through a variety of demonstration projects to provide respite and recreation opportunities to Rhode Islanders who have a disability and their family members. PAL disseminates information on both the local and national level on such issues as inclusive education, self-advocacy, supported employment and community-based leisure opportunities.

Eligible Population:

All individuals and families with disabilities and their network of friends are eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Services are available by calling 785-2100.

Contact Information:

Doreen McConaghy, Executive Director
Parents and Friends for Alternate Living
PO Box 8885
Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 785-2100
Fax: 785-2186
PAL@IDS.net

Parent Support Network of Rhode Island

Program Description:

Parent Support Network of RI (PSN) is a statewide organization of families supporting families that have children who are at risk or have behavioral and/or emotional challenges. Support is provided that considers a family's background and values. The Parent Support Network (PSN) provides support groups, telephone support, educational events, one-to-one assistance with advocacy and literature about education, mental health, and parenting a child with special emotional or behavioral needs.

Eligible Population:

Any family with a child (birth to 21 years old) who has a diagnosed emotional and/or behavioral disability is eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be obtained by contacting the Parent Support Network directly.

Contact Information:

The Parent Support Network
400 Warwick Avenue, Suite 12
Warwick, RI 02888
Phone: 467-6855 or 800-483-8844

CASSP and the Local Coordinating Council

Program Description: “CASSP” stands for Child and Adolescent Service System Program, a system of care for children and youth with severe emotional disturbances. Each of eight mental health catchment areas in the state has a Local Coordinating Council, or LCC, to serve their community. The LCC is made up of representatives from mental health, social service, and recreation agencies, local education authorities, state agencies involved with child and family issues, parent advocates, and most importantly parents. The LCC is charged with pulling together a continuum of services that meet the needs of seriously emotionally or behaviorally challenged children and their families in a culturally competent, community-based, child centered and family focused way. The LCC’s are responsible for ensuring that services are accessible to families and, most importantly, that families are integral partners in determining the best service plans for their children.

Eligibility Criteria: Children and Youth eligible for CASSP are:

- between the ages of birth and twenty-one (21) years;
- have a serious emotional, behavioral, or mental disorder (DSM-IV) with the exception of (“V” codes) substance abuse and developmental disorders, unless they are a co-occurring disorder with another serious emotional disturbance;
- have a disability that has been, or is potentially on-going for a period of one (1) year or more;
- are in need of multi-agency intervention; and
- are at risk for out of home or more restrictive placements due to emotional/behavioral problems.

Geographic Area Served: Statewide, See Next page

Cost to Child or Family: There is no cost associated with a referral to CASSP. Many of the services typically recommended can and/or will be covered through medical insurance, through legal mandate (such as IEPs), or through the Local Coordinating Council/CASSP wrap-around funds. At times, if appropriate, families may be asked to cost share for specific services

How to Apply for (or get) Services: Referrals to CASSP can be made by parent, youth, other family members, community providers, or other individuals involved in a child’s life who feel this service would be beneficial to a child/youth and their family.

CASSP/LCC CONTACTS

Providence LCC

John Hope Settlement House
7 Burgess Street
Providence, RI 02903
421-6993, Fax 454-5619

Northern Rhode Island LCC

Burrillville, Cumberland, Lincoln, North
Smithfield, Woonsocket,

Stadium Building
1 Social Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
762-3429

Pawtucket/Central Falls

Central Falls, Pawtucket,

Community Counseling Center
160 Beechwood Ave.
Pawtucket, RI 02860
722-5573, Ext 232, Fax 726-5571

Kent County LCC Coventry, East
Greenwich Warwick, West Greenwich,
West Warwick,

Kent County Mental Health Center
Summit South
300 Centerville Rd., Suite 301S
Warwick, RI 02886
732-5656, Fax 738-8634

Metro West LCC

Cranston, Foster, Gloucester, Johnston,
Scituate, Smithfield

MHS of Cranston, Johnston, and NWRI
311 Doric Ave.
Cranston, RI 02910
784-3633, Fax 784-3636

Washington County LCC

Charlestown,
Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New
Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond,
South Kingstown, Westerly,

South Shore Community MHC
730 Kingstown Rd.
Wakefield, RI 02879
789-1166, Fax 789-7035

East Bay LCC

Barrington, Bristol, East Providence,
Warren

East Bay Community Mental Health Center
Adams Farley Center
610 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, RI 02915
431-9870 Ext 226, Fax 438-1957

Newport LCC

Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown,
Portsmouth, Tiverton

Newport County Mental Health Center
26 Valley Road
Middletown, RI 02842
848-6363

More Information in Resource Section

Sherlock Center on Disabilities

Program Description:

The mission of The Sherlock Center on Disabilities is to support the meaningful participation of individuals with disabilities in school, work and the community. The Sherlock Center on Disabilities is charged with providing information and training to individuals with disabilities, their family members or service providers. The Sherlock Center on Disabilities focuses on individuals with disabilities, family members and other who provide direct daily support to individuals with disabilities.

Eligible Population:

No eligibility criteria apply.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None, however there may be training fees.

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be sought by calling: 456-8072.

Contact Information:

Anthony Antosh
Rhode Island College
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 456-8072
Fax: 456-8150

Additional Resources:

The Sherlock Center on Disabilities also has a resource library for parents, a list of parents with experience in a variety of areas and publications and resource guides.

Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island

Program Description:

This agency works to increase public awareness of traumatic brain injury and provides resource materials to help families learn more about brain injuries.

Eligible Population:

All families

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Get Services:

Contact the association at the number below.

Contact Information:

Sharon Brinkworth, Executive Director
Brain Injury Association
Independent Square, 500 Prospect Street
Providence, RI 02860
Phone: (401) 725-2360

Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center

Program Description:

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Resource Center provides training, educational planning, consultation, and resources for students with brain injury and their families. It provides consultation and training to school personnel on the consequences and educational implications of TBI. The Center offers resources for school personnel and families.

Eligible Population:

School-age children

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No cost for initial consultations

How to Apply for Services:

Contact the TBI Resource Center at the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project. Parental permission is needed prior to consultation and training to school personnel.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project (RITAP)

Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center

Rhode Island College

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 456-4600 or 456-1998 ext. 2359

Fax: 456-8117

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder

Program Description:

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD) is a grass roots parent volunteer support group that provides support, education and advocacy.

Eligible Population:

Anyone with an interest in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Membership fees are as follows:

- \$35 Student/Hardship Membership
- \$45 Family or Educator Membership
- \$75 Healthcare Professional Membership
- \$75 - \$400 International Membership
- \$250 Organizational Membership

Membership includes 20 copies of ATTENTION magazine, Inside CHADD, The CHADD Information and Resource Guide to ADHD and continual updates and information.

How to Apply for Services:

To apply for services, attend CHADD meetings, sign up on-line at www.CHADD.org, or call 943-9399.

Contact Information:

Jeanne Connery

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)

284 Grand View Drive

Warwick, RI 02886

Phone: 737-1428

Cell: 480-7899

CHADDofRI810@aol.com

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)

PO Box 8251

Cranston, RI 02920

Vulnerable Infants Program of Rhode Island

Program Description:

Vulnerable Infants Program of Rhode Island (VIP-RI) is a voluntary program of coordinated care and support for substance exposed infants and their families. VIP-RI looks at all areas of a parent(s) life that may have an impact on parenting, makes referrals for services, and works closely with parent(s) regarding their infant and family.

Eligible Population:

Pregnant women and/or parenting women and men that have been affected by substance use. Participants can be enrolled in VIP-RI while pregnant, or following the birth of their infant.

Geographic Area Served:

Participants must live in the State of Rhode Island.

Cost to Child or Family:

None

If a family has RItE Care or private health insurance, eligible services may be billed directly to the health insurance provider.

How to Apply for Services:

Referrals to VIP-RI are accepted directly from parents. Providers may also refer patients with a signed release. Referrals can be accepted from health care providers, substance abuse treatment, early education programs, community providers, etc.

Contact Information:

To obtain additional information or make a referral, contact Julie Connolly.

VIP-RI

111 Plain Street, Suite 203

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

276-7887, Fax 277-3623

Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island

Program Description:

The Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island (DSSRI) is dedicated to promoting the rights, dignity and potential of all individuals with Down Syndrome through advocacy, education, public awareness and support.

Eligible Population:

All individuals are eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Annual membership fee of \$25

How to Apply for Services:

Families should contact the DSSRI by phone or email.

Contact Information:

Claudia Lowe, Coordinator
Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island
99 Bald Hill Road
Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 463-5751
Fax: 463-5337
DSSRI@aol.com

Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Program Description:

This agency promotes greater visibility and public awareness of people with epilepsy.

Eligible Population:

All families

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Get Services:

Please call the number below.

Contact Information:

William Murphy, Executive Director
Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island
95 Berkeley Street, Suite 409
Boston, MA 02116
Phone: 617-542-2292 or 888-576-9996
www.ne-index.shriver.org/Factsweb/2206.htm

Rhode Island Autism Project, Inc.

Program Description:

We are a group dedicated to improving the quality, continuum and availability of services for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder. It is our belief that for the majority of individuals with an autism spectrum disorder, the majority of services can and should be provided within their public school, home and community setting. The majority of our work is developing and providing training on structured teaching, communication, visual supports, independent work systems, sensory integration, behavior supports, social stories, and development of play. We offer trainings for professionals and parents and support personnel. Our main trainings are a weeklong Summer Institute for teachers, *A Starting Point*, a nine-week program for parents and caregivers, a summer camp and consultation.

Eligible Population:

Our programming and resources are for all ages. We are working to develop a resource center via a website for the fall. It is our goal to expand programming for older individuals with an autism spectrum disorder and their families.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Call for information. Scholarships are available.

How to Apply for Services:

Call (401) 785-2666, or email, riautismproject@aol.com

Contact Information:

RI Autism Project, Inc
Post Office Box 8612
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920
(401) 785-2666
Joanne G. Quinn, Executive Director

Autism Spectrum Disorders Support Center

Program Description:

The Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Support Center is an initiative of the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project (RITAP) located at Rhode Island College. The services and supports that are offered through this initiative are:

- Workshops and In-Service Trainings
- School Consultations for Individual Students and/or Programs/Classrooms
- Resources for Individuals with ASD, parents/families and educators

Each student with ASD presents a unique set of needs that challenges the education/health and social services systems to respond to those needs with individual service/treatment plans. The RI Department of Education (RIDE) and RITAP recognize the need to invest in educational initiatives with regard to effective treatment and education. Those specific initiatives are to:

- Increase the amount of in-servicing available
- Improve the quality of existing in-servicing
- Improve the quality of educational programming

Eligible Population:

Services are offered to parents, professionals and support staff all over Rhode Island.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Workshops are \$350.

Consultation Fees are \$85.00/hour.

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be sought by calling: 222-4600 ext. 2014

Contact Information:

Sue Constable

Department of Education

Office of Special Needs

255 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 222-4600 ext. 2014

Fax: 222-6030

Rid23926@ride.ri.net

Autism Society of Rhode Island Autism/PDD Resource Center

Program Description:

ASRI is dedicated to providing information on all types of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)* and related treatments and services. This information will be available to any interested person or group. *Autism, PDD/Nos, Aspergers Syndrome, Childhood Disintegrative Disorders, Rett's Syndrome.

Office Maintains:

1. Library of information related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD): Books, Audio/Video Tapes, Publications, Periodicals, Research Data.
2. List of physicians working with children/adults with ASD, information on ASD treatment and interventions.
3. Websites to link all sources and abstracts.
4. Education & training materials for parents and professionals working with children/adults with ASD.

Eligible Population:

All interested parties that care and support the Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Geographic Area Served:

Rhode Island and Associated National Links

Cost to Child or Family:

No cost, but tax-deductible donations to the Autism-Society of Rhode Island are encouraged through the United Way - #3045 for R.I. residents or through a personal donation made by check to ASRI.

How to Apply for Services:

Call (401) 738-8922 to speak with someone, arrange an appointment to visit the office and library, e-mail: acastle2@netzero.net, write to : ASRI Gateway Plaza, Suite 204, 1645 Warwick Ave., Warwick, R.I. 02889 and website access at www.autismsociety.net.

Contact Information:

Same as How to Apply for Services

United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island

Program Description:

The primary purpose of this agency is to support all people with disabilities. United Cerebral Palsy assists children with special health care needs and their families navigate the system of care and services. They provide assistance through family support programs, communication aids, lending library and adaptive toys.

Eligible Population:

Any child with a developmental disability is eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Call or visit the agency.

Contact Information:

Laura Canfield

United Cerebral Palsy Of Rhode Island

1704 Broad Street

Cranston, RI 02905

Phone: 941-9377

Fax: 941-0148

www.UCPRI.org

DHS Office of Rehabilitation Services

Program Description:

The DHS Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) provides Rhode Islanders who have disabilities (a disability) with a comprehensive program of rehabilitation, social and independent living services. To fulfill its mission of empowering individuals with disabilities to choose, prepare for, obtain and maintain employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence and integration into society, ORS administers the following programs and services:

1. **Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)** – designed to assist individuals who have a disability, making it difficult for them to work, to choose, prepare for, find and maintain employment
2. **Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI)** – in addition to vocational rehabilitation, offers a variety of training and adjustment services for individuals who are blind or who have significant visual impairments, that will help them become independent, active, self-sufficient members of their community.
3. **Disability Determination Services (DDS)** – determines the medical eligibility of children and adults with disabilities who are applying for cash benefits under the federal program for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
4. **Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP)** – designed to remove barriers and increase access to assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities.

Eligible Population:

Rhode Islanders with a disability (disabilities) are eligible if their disability presents a barrier to employment, if they require vocational rehabilitation services in order to work, and you expect, with services, to be able to obtain and maintain employment; or you receive SSI/SSDI benefits, intend on becoming employed, and apply for VR Services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No cost.

State and Federally Funded.

How to Apply for Services:

Call (401) 421-7005 to obtain an application.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Office of Rehabilitation Services
40 Fountain Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
Tel. 421-7005, TDD. 421-7016, Spanish. 272-8090
Fax 222-3574
www.ors.state.ri.us

Career Planning for Students with Disabilities

DHS Office of Rehabilitation Services

Program Description:

The Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) is the state agency that assists eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for and obtain employment. An ORS Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Counselor assists students, their families and school in planning the transition from school to employment. A VR Counselor has specialized knowledge of the impact of disability on employment, current employment trends, and community resources. He will assist students and their families in making informed choices by:

- Providing career information
- Assisting in choosing an employment goal, services, and training that are necessary to obtain employment
- Assisting in developing an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE), and
- Providing information about other programs and services to help make a successful transition to adult life.

Eligible Population:

High school students with disabilities (a disability) should apply for ORS services early enough to make a good transition plan (two years before your graduation).

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No cost.

State and Federally Funded.

How to Apply for Services:

Call ORS directly (401) 421-7005 to set up a meeting with the ORS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor who visits your school (See Next Page). A parent or guardian will need to attend if the student is under 18 years old.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Office of Rehabilitation Services
40 Fountain Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
Tel. 421-7005, TDD. 421-7016, Spanish. 272-8090
Fax 222-3574
www.ors.state.ri.us

ORS Counselors Covering Regional School Districts
Call ORS at (401) 421-7005 (See Extensions Below)

East Bay	Northern RI	Southern RI	West Bay
BARRINGTON Kathleen McCabe, Ext. 343	BURRILLVILLE Michaela Stannard, Ext. 347	BLOCK ISLAND Melanie Grzych Ext. 335	CRANSTON Sheila Moffat, Ext. 345
BRISTOL/WARREN Steve Brunero, Supervisor, Ext. 354	CENTRAL FALLS Allison Evans, Ext. 356	CHARIHO Melanie Grzych Ext. 335	COVENTRY Russell Turk, Ext. 344
E. PROVIDENCE Tony Bagaglia, Ext. 374	CUMBERLAND Jessica Warwick Ext. 334	E. GREENWICH Deborah Marshall Ext. 352	FOSTER/GLOCESTER Michaela Stannard, Ext. 347
LITTLE COMPTON Steve Brunero, Supervisor, Ext. 354	DAVIES CAREER TECH Jessica Warwick Ext. 334	EXETER/W. GREENWICH Deborah Marshall Ext. 352	SCITUATE Michaela Stannard, Ext. 347
MIDDLETOWN Steve Brunero, Supervisor, Ext. 354	JOHNSTON Sheila Moffat, Ext. 345	JAMESTOWN Cora Banerjee, Ext. 339	WARWICK Joanne Savoie, Ext. 346
NEWPORT Steve Brunero, Supervisor, Ext. 354	LINCOLN Jessica Warwick Ext. 334	NARRAGANSETT Deborah Marshall Ext. 352	W. WARWICK Russell Turk, Ext. 344
PORTSMOUTH Steve Brunero, Supervisor, Ext. 354	N. PROVIDENCE Michaela Stannard Ext. 347	N. KINGSTOWN Cora Banerjee, Ext. 339	
TIVERTON Steve Brunero, Supervisor, Ext. 354	N. SMITHFIELD Michaela Stannard Ext. 347	S. KINGSTOWN Cora Banerjee, Ext. 339	Transition Resource Center West Bay Collaborative 941-8353 Transition Coordinator Rosemary Lavigne
	PAWTUCKET Allison Evans, Ext. 356	WESTERLY Melanie Grzych, Ext. 335	
	SMITHFIELD Jessica Warwick Ext. 334		PROVIDENCE Michael Montanaro Ext. 378
	WOONSOCKET Michaela Stannard Ext. 347		
			Project Work 456-9230 Coordinator Nancy Stevenin
Transition Resource Center East Bay Educational Collaborative 245-2045 Transition Coordinator Carolyn Aspinwall	Transition Resource Center Northern RI Collaborative 658-5790 Transition Coordinator Maura Silvia	Transition Resource Center Southern RI Collaborative 295-2888 Transition Coordinator Alice Woods	Transition Resource Center Providence School District 278-0520 Transition Coordinator Lisa Beaulieu

ORS Counselors Covering Regional School Districts (continued)

Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired Team Statewide Monica Dzialo, Ext. 410 Jane Cannata, Ext. 431 Marge Renzi, Ext. 420	Students with Hearing Impairments Statewide Jessica Tunison, Ext. 385 TDD: 421-7016	Transition Barbara Ridings, Supervisor, Transition Coordinator Ext. 323 Tony Bagaglia Sr. Rehabilitation Counselor Transition Ext. 374
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Rhode Island Regional Vocational Assessment Centers

Program Description:

The RI Regional Vocational Assessment Centers provide vocational assessment services for students in special education ages 14-21 who are eligible for the services of the Department of Human Services/Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS). The Assessment Centers assist students with their personal career goals through career counseling, vocational testing and community work based experiences. Information generated from the assessment is provided to IEP teams and used in establishing transition goals in the IEP for employment, post-secondary education and training, community participation and independent living.

Eligible Population:

Students, ages 14-21, enrolled in special education are eligible for the services of the Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS). To learn more about eligibility for the services of the Office of rehabilitation Services visit their web site at www.ors.state.ri.us or call 421-7005 (voice); 421-7016 (TDD); 272-8090 (Spanish); 272-7990 (Cambodian).

Geographical Area Served:

Statewide by region, (see below).

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to apply for services:

Referral to the Regional Vocational Assessment Centers can be made through the child's school, (IEP team) or directly to the Office of Rehabilitation Services.

Rhode Island Regional Vocational Assessment Centers

East Bay Collaborative

Carolyn Aspinwall
East Bay Collaborative
317 Market Street
Warren, RI 02885
Phone: 245-2045
Fax: 245-9332

Serving:

<i>Barrington</i>	<i>Portsmouth</i>
<i>Bristol/Warren</i>	<i>Tiverton</i>
<i>East Providence</i>	
<i>Little Compton</i>	
<i>Middletown</i>	
<i>Newport</i>	

Northern RI Collaborative

Jane Slade
Northern RI Collaborative
2352 Mendon Road
Cumberland, RI 02864
Phone: 658-5790
Fax: 658-4012

<i>Burrillville</i>	<i>No. Providence</i>
<i>Central Falls</i>	<i>No. Smithfield</i>
<i>Cumberland</i>	<i>Pawtucket</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Smithfield</i>
<i>Lincoln</i>	<i>Woonsocket</i>

Providence Public Schools

Nancy Stevenin

Mount Pleasant High School

434 Mount Pleasant Avenue

Providence, RI 02908

Phone: 456-9230

Serving:

Providence

Southern Rhode Island Collaborative

Alice Woods

Southern Rhode Island Collaborative

646 Camp Street

No. Kingstown, RI 02852

Phone: 295-2888

Fax: 295-3232

Block Island

Chariho

East Greenwich

Exeter/West Greenwich

Jamestown

Westerly

Narragansett

No. Kingstown

So. Kingstown

West Bay Collaborative

Rosemary Lavigne

West Bay Collaborative

144 Bignall Street

Warwick, RI 02888

Phone: 941-8353

Fax: 941-8535

Coventry

Cranston

Foster/Glocester

Scituate

Warwick

West Warwick

Rhode Island Regional Transition Centers

Program Description:

The RI Regional Transition Centers provide information, training and technical assistance to teachers, administrators and families of students in special education ages 14-21 who are preparing for the transition from school to adult life. The Centers offer a resource and curriculum library and coordinate regional training and information events through their Regional Transition Advisory Committee (TAC).

Eligible Population:

Students and families may contact the Regional Transition Centers for information, guidance on transition services and referral.

Geographical Area Served:

Statewide by region, (see below).

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to apply for services:

The Regional Transition Centers do not provide direct services for students but serve as an information and training service for educators, administrators and families.

Rhode Island Regional Transition Centers

East Bay Collaborative

Carolyn Aspinwall
East Bay Collaborative
317 Market Street
Warren, RI 02885
Phone: 245-2045
Fax: 245-9332

Serving:

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<i>No. Smithfield</i>	
<i>Smithfield</i>	
<i>Cumberland</i>	
<i>Pawtucket</i>	

Providence Public Schools

Lisa Beaulieu
Providence Public Schools
797 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 278-0520

Providence

Southern Rhode Island Collaborative

Alice Woods
Southern Rhode Island Collaborative
646 Camp Street
No. Kingstown, RI 02852
Phone: 295-2888
Fax: 295-3232

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Rosemary Lavigne
West Bay Collaborative
144 Bignall Street
Warwick, RI 02888
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The Rhode Island Parent Information Network

Program Description:

The Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) is a statewide, non-profit organization committed to empowering, educating and encouraging families to seek positive outcomes for their children. Families and professionals seek the expertise and guidance of RIPIN staff via telephone, in person, or by participating in one of our many training workshops. Training and parenting information focuses on education, child development, disabilities, health care, effective home-school partnerships, fatherhood, early intervention, transition planning, violence prevention, literacy, basic rights, special education law and more.

In addition to offering families with children guidance, referrals, training and support, RIPIN maintains a lending library of books and videos and a website full of helpful links and resources for helping all children reach their full potential.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call the Rhode Island Parent Information or check the RIPIN website: www.ripin.org

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x63 1-800-464-3399 x63 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 727-4040

ripin@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

The Sherlock Center on Disabilities

Program Description:

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Eligible Population:

No eligibility criteria apply.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None, however there may be training fees.

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be sought by calling: 456-8072.

Contact Information:

Anthony Antosh
Rhode Island College
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 456-8072
Fax: 456-8150

Additional Resources:

The Sherlock Center on Disabilities also has a resource library for parents, a list of parents with experience in a variety of areas and publications and resource guides.

Child Care Support Network

Program Description:

Child Care Support Network (CCSN) is funded by the RI Department of Health and the RI Department of Human Services. The program offers technical assistance to child care providers to improve the quality of child care settings. Our goal is to enhance the availability of quality child care for all children, including children with special needs.

Eligible Population:

All licensed child care providers, both center-based and family child care homes.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No Cost

How to Apply for Services:

Contact the Family Health Information Line at 1-800-942-7434, or call Jennifer McKinnon at 222-5372.

Contact Information:

Child Care Support Network
Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Childspan: Rhode Island's Child Development and Education Training System

Program Description:

This program provides training and professional development opportunities for early care education and school age youth services providers. Childspan supports family childcare homes, community programs, Head Start, public school preschools and kindergartens in obtaining accreditation and operates a lending library.

Eligible Population:

All licensed and unlicensed childcare and school age youth services providers are eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

There is a \$5 annual membership fee.

How to Apply for Services:

Childcare providers can request to be on the mailing list by calling 729-0765.

Contact Information:

Childspan
500 Prospect Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 729-0765
Fax: 727-2810

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In addition to offering families with children guidance, referrals, training and support, RIPIN maintains a lending library of books and videos and a website full of helpful links and resources for helping all children reach their full potential.

Eligible Population:

There are no eligibility criteria.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To access information and training, parents can call the Rhode Island Parent Information or check the RIPIN website: www.ripin.org

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

175 Main Street

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Phone: 727-4144 x63 1-800-464-3399 x63 (toll free in Rhode Island only)

Fax: 727-4040

ripin@ripin.org

www.ripin.org

RI Technical Assistance Project

Program Description:

The RI Technical Assistance Project (RITAP) at Rhode Island College is a statewide resource center for technical assistance and support, professional development and training, and policy analysis and interpretation. The resources of RITAP are organized to assist state and local agencies, institutions of higher education and families in the delivery of quality education and support services for all children including those with disabilities.

RITAP is a collaborative effort of the RI Department of Education, Office of Special Needs and RI College. It provides practitioners, parents and policymakers the knowledge and resources necessary to increase their capacity to provide comprehensive and coordinated services to all children including those with disabilities that result in improved educational performance and enhanced life-long outcomes.

RITAP maintains a website at www.ritap.org to offer the public up-to-date information and resources, including recent publications, manuals, newsletters, conference details and registration, and current project areas. It also maintains a Resource Library that is currently open to the public by appointment only.

Eligible Population:

All

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

RITAP provides free telephone consultation, and coordinates various on-site consultations, workshops and statewide conferences that are offered for free or on a fee-for-service basis depending on the activity. Training activities often include a reduced rate registration for parents to attend.

How to Apply for Services:

Visit our website at www.ritap.org for more information about our Current Project Areas, available resources and supports, or call us at (401) 456-4600.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project
Rhode Island College
Alumni House
600 Mount Pleasant Ave.
Providence, Rhode Island 02908
456-4600, Fax 456-8117
info@ritap.org

Rhode Island Autism Project, Inc.

Program Description:

We are a group dedicated to improving the quality, continuum and availability of services for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder. It is our belief that for the majority of individuals with an autism spectrum disorder, the majority of services can and should be provided within their public school, home and community setting. The majority of our work is developing and providing training on structured teaching, communication, visual supports, independent work systems, sensory integration, behavior supports, social stories, and development of play. We offer trainings for professionals and parents and support personnel. Our main trainings are a weeklong Summer Institute for teachers, *A Starting Point*, a nine-week program for parents and caregivers, a summer camp and consultation.

Eligible Population:

Our programming and resources are for all ages. We are working to develop a resource center via a website for the fall. It is our goal to expand programming for older individuals with an autism spectrum disorder and their families.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Call for information. Scholarships are available.

How to Apply for Services:

Call (401) 785-2666, or email, riautismproject@aol.com

Contact Information:

RI Autism Project, Inc
Post Office Box 8612
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920
(401) 785-2666
Joanne G. Quinn, Executive Director

Autism Spectrum Disorders Support Center

Program Description:

The Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Support Center is an initiative of the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project (RITAP) located at Rhode Island College. The services and supports that are offered through this initiative are:

- Workshops and In-Service Trainings
- School Consultations for Individual Students and/or Programs/Classrooms
- Resources for Individuals with ASD, parents/families and educators

Each student with ASD presents a unique set of needs that challenges the education/health and social services systems to respond to those needs with individual service/treatment plans. The RI Department of Education (RIDE) and RITAP recognize the need to invest in educational initiatives with regard to effective treatment and education. Those specific initiatives are to:

- Increase the amount of in-servicing available
- Improve the quality of existing in-servicing
- Improve the quality of educational programming

Eligible Population:

Services are offered to parents, professionals and support staff all over Rhode Island.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Workshops are \$350.00

Consultation services are \$85.00/hour.

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be sought by calling: 222-4600 ext. 2014

Contact Information:

Sue Constable

Department of Education

Office of Special Needs

255 Westminster Street

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 222-4600 ext. 2014

Fax: 222-6030

Rid23926@ride.ri.net

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Eligible Population:

No eligibility criteria apply.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None, however there may be training fees.

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be sought by calling: 456-8072.

Contact Information:

Anthony Antosh
Rhode Island College
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 456-8072
Fax: 456-8150

Additional Resources:

The Sherlock Center on Disabilities also has a resource library for parents, a list of parents with experience in a variety of areas and publications and resource guides.

Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center

Program Description:

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Resource Center provides training, educational planning, consultation, and resources for students with brain injury and their families. It provides consultation and training to school personnel on the consequences and educational implications of TBI. The Center offers resources for school personnel and families.

Eligible Population:

School-age children

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No cost for initial consultations

How to Apply for Services:

Contact the TBI Resource Center at the Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project. Parental permission is needed prior to consultation and training to school personnel.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project (RITAP)
Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center
Rhode Island College
Providence, RI 02908
Phone: 456-4600 or 456-1998 ext. 2359
Fax: 456-8117

Supplemental Security Income

Program Description:

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program that provides monthly cash benefits to individuals, including children with a physical, developmental and/or mental impairment that results in “marked and severe functional limitations”. If a child is eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, they are also eligible to receive Medical Assistance benefits.

Eligible Population:

Children under the age of 18 with a physical, developmental and/or mental impairment may be eligible if their family also qualifies based on limited income and resources. After the age of 18, SSI benefits are based only on the income of the individual applying for SSI.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Call or visit the local Social Security Office. Information is available by phone in both English and Spanish.

1-800-772-1213

Contact Information:

District Manager
Social Security Office
380 Westminster Street, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 528-4535 or 800-772-1213
Fax: 528-4698

Regional Offices:

Social Security Administration
55 Broad Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
Phone: 724-9611 or 800-772-1213

Social Security Administration
106 Pleasant Street
Attleboro, MA 02703
Phone: 508-226-2710 or 800-772-1213

Social Security Administration
380 Westminster Mall, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 528-4501 or 800-772-1213

Social Security Administration
30 Quaker Lane, 1st Floor
Warwick, RI 02886-0111
Phone: 822-1463 or 800-772-1213

Women, Infants, Children Program

Program Description:

The Women, Infants, Children Program (WIC) is a health and nutrition program that promotes health and development through good nutrition.

Eligible Population: Pregnant and breastfeeding women and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk.

Families may apply to the program if their income is at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level. Additionally, families who currently receive benefits from Medical Assistance, Katie Beckett, RItE Care, Family Independence Program (FIP), and the Food Stamps Program may also apply for WIC benefits.

Immigrant women and children may also be eligible. (Includes individuals with or without documented status).

See Income Guidelines in Resource Section of this guide.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Families can call the Family Health Information Line at 1-800-942-7434 to find out if they may be eligible. Families can also call their local WIC Program directly.

See list on next page.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Department of Health
Women, Infants, Children Program
3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908-5097
Phone: 222-4604
Fax: 222-1442
beckyb@doh.state.ri.us

WIC Clinics in Rhode Island

Chad Brown Health Center	285A Chad Brown Street, Providence 02908	831-0020
Women & Infants Hospital	2 Dudley Street, Providence 02905-2401	274-1122 x.2798
Allen Berry Health Center	202 Prairie Avenue, Providence 02907	444-0570
Capitol Hill Health Center	40 Candace Street, Providence 02908	444-0550
Central Health Center	239 Cranston Street, Providence 02907	444-0580
Fox Point Health Center	550 Wickenden Street, Providence 02903	444-0530
Olneyville Health Center	100 Curtis Street, Providence 02909	444-0540
Blackstone Valley Community Health Center	9 Chestnut Street, Central Falls 02863	724-7134
John J. Cunningham Health Center	42 Park Place, Pawtucket 02860	722-0082
Thundermist Health Association	191 Social Street, 9th Floor, Woonsocket 02895	767-4160
Thundermist Health Association (NW Satellite)	The Bridgeway, Pascoag, 02859	568-7661
Tri-Town Health Center	1126 Hartford Avenue, Johnston 02919	351-2750 x.132
Family Health Services Center	1090 Cranston Street, Cranston 02920	946-4650
Dr. J.A. Ferris Community Health Center	821 West Shore Road, Warwick 02889	737-1150
Warwick CAP, West Warwick Comm. Health Ctr.	53 Providence Street, West Warwick 02893	826-3230
Wood River Health Services	832 Main Street, Hope Valley 02832	539-2461
Health Center of South County	One River Street, Wakefield 02879	782-0855
Health Ctr. Of South County, Bayshore Satellite	North Kingstown 02852	782-0855
Newport Community Health Center	19 Broadway, Newport 02840	847-7821
James F. Silvia Health Center	1048 Stafford Road, Tiverton 02878	625-5197
East Providence Health Center	100 Bullocks Point, East Providence 02915	437-1007
East Providence Health Center, Warren Satellite	790 Main Street, Warren 02885	437-1007
St. Joseph Health Center	21 Peace Street, Providence 02907	456-4045
Florence Gray Center	1 York Street, Newport 02840	848-6682

Food Stamps

Program Description:

This program provides food stamps to help single adults, couples and families buy nutritious foods. Foods are purchased using an ATM card, which can be used at most supermarkets.

Eligible Population:

Eligibility is based on family size and income **and** resources. Call or visit the Food Stamp Program for more information.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To apply, call the Department of Human Services Food Stamp Program at 800-662-5018. Or visit a local Food Stamp Office.

Contact Information:

Food Stamp Program
Rhode Island Department of Human Services
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 800-662-5018

Food Stamp Offices in RI:

Warwick	59 West Shore Rd., Warwick, RI 02889	738-8900
Providence	206 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI 02907	222-7000
Pawtucket	24 Commerce Way, Pawtucket, RI 02860	724-9361
Woonsocket	144 Main St., Woonsocket, RI 02895	769-3500

Family Independence Program

Program Description:

Through the Family Independence Program (FIP), the Department of Human Services offers the following services and benefits to Rhode Island families and children who qualify: cash assistance on a temporary basis; Medical Assistance (RIte Care or RIte Share); child care subsidies; Food Stamps; and employment planning, education and training.

Eligible Population:

Families qualify for cash assistance based on their current income, other resources they may have and the number of people in their family.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

To obtain information or enroll in the FIP program, call 462-5300 or visit your local DHS office. See page 26 for a list of office locations or check the DHS website: www.dhs.state.ri.us

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Department of Human Services
Family Independence Program
600 New London Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920
Phone: 462-5300

Family Resource Counselor Program

Program Description:

This program supports community health centers and hospital clinics to enroll families in preventive health and family support programs including Medicaid/RIte Care, Women, Infants, Children (WIC), Food Stamps and the Family Independence Program (FIP). Counselors help families apply for programs and let them know what they may be eligible for.

Eligible Population:

Rhode Island families and children who are income eligible for Women, Infants, Children (WIC), RIte Care/Medical Assistance, the Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Stamps are eligible for services.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Families can apply for services at any of the community health centers or hospitals listed below:

Contact Information:

Bayside Family Health Care
North Kingstown
295-9706

Health Center of South County
Wakefield
783-0523

Blackstone Valley Community Health Care
Pawtucket
722-0081

Memorial Hospital
Pawtucket
729-2634

Chad Brown Health Center
Providence
274-6339

New Visions for Newport County
Newport
847-7821

Family Health Services
Cranston
943-1981

Family Health Services
Coventry
828-5335

Hasbro Children's Hospital/Rhode Island Hospital
Providence
444-4000

Northwest Health Center
Harmony
568-7661 x 13

Providence Community Health Centers
Allen Berry Health Center – 444-0570
Capitol Hill Health Center - 444-0550
Central Health Center – 444-0580
Fox Point Health Center – 444-0530
Olneyville Health Center – 444-0540

St. Joseph's Health Services
Providence
456-4029

Thundermist Health Associates
Woonsocket
767-5444 x 3476

Women and Infants Hospital
Providence
274-1122 x 2778

Self Help/East Bay Family Health Care
East Providence
437-5105

Tri-town Health Center
Johnston
351-2750

Wood River Health Services
Wood River
539-2461

Rhode Island Disability Law Center, Inc.

Program Description:

The Rhode Island Disability Law Center provides free legal assistance for persons with developmental disabilities. Cases considered are based on annually established priorities. Services include individual representation to protect rights or secure benefits and services, self-help information, educational programs and administrative and legal advocacy.

Eligible Population:

All persons with a diagnosed disability are eligible for services. Cases considered are based on annually established priorities.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Services can be obtained by contacting the agency.

Contact Information:

RI Disability Law Center
349 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 831-3150 or 800-733-5332
TDD: 831-5335

Lawyer Referral Service and Reduced Fee Program

Rhode Island Bar Association

Program Description:

If you don't have a lawyer and think you have a legal problem, the Rhode Island Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service may be able to direct you to an attorney who concentrates in the problem area. When you call the service, you will be asked to state your problem briefly (any information you provide will be held in the strictest confidence). After listening to your problem, the service will take your name, address and telephone number. Should you wish to apply for Reduced-Fee services, you will also be asked for financial information. Based on the information you provide, Lawyer Referral will give you the name and telephone number of an attorney in your community with whom you can meet to discuss your problem. It will be your responsibility to contact the lawyer to make an appointment for a consultation. The service is unable to make appointments for callers.

Eligible Population:

The Lawyer Referral and Information Service is designed to serve anyone who can afford the services of a lawyer. If you are financially eligible, a Reduced-Fee service is available. Persons who have a legal problem and cannot afford a lawyer will be directed, if possible, to another public service program or human service agency for assistance.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

Lawyers participating in the service have agreed to provide an initial consultation of up to one-half hour free of charge. A referral fee of \$25.00 is required and is payable at the time of the consultation. Checks should be made payable to the Lawyer Referral Service. If it is determined that additional legal work is required, it will be your decision to continue legal services. It is suggested that you discuss the attorney's fees and the cost of any further services beyond the initial half-hour consultation during your first visit. If you decide to hire the lawyer to continue working in your behalf, you will be responsible for any additional legal fees. There is no obligation on your part or the lawyer's to go beyond the one-half hour consultation and \$25.00 fee.

How to Apply for Services:

Call (401) 421-7799

Operates Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Contact Information:

Lawyer Referral Service and Reduced Fee Program
Rhode Island Bar Association
115 Cedar Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Volunteer Lawyer Program

Program Description:

The Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP) is a public service program of the Rhode Island Bar Association designed to help people who have low-incomes obtain legal help when they need it. Its purpose is to provide legal assistance to those who cannot obtain legal representation either on their own or through other existing agencies. The Volunteer Legal Program handles non-criminal civil cases, including the following areas:

- Consumer-Housing/Landlord/Tenant

- Benefits – Collections

- Bankruptcy – Guardianship

- Special Education – Employment

- License Registry – Family Law

- Tort Defenses - Wills

Eligible Population:

To be eligible for assistance through VLP, your income must qualify under federally-determined guidelines. In addition, your legal problem must fall within certain areas of the law. Cases in which you are suing for monetary award are not eligible for VLP assistance.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

If you are found to be eligible, all services provided to you by the attorney will be free of charge. You may be required to pay court fees or other minor litigation costs. These can be discussed with your attorney.

How to Apply for Services:

Call (401) 421-7758 or 800-339-7758.

Contact Information:

Volunteer Lawyer Program

Rhode Island Bar Association

115 Cedar Street

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

TDD (401) 421-1666

CEDARR Family Centers

For Children with Special Health Care Needs and Their Families

Program Description:

A CEDARR Family Center is a “one-stop” place where you can get information and support to make the best decisions for your child. If you think your child has a physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional problem that you are concerned about, CEDARR Family Centers can help you get answers to your questions and help you get the services that you need. Even if your child is already receiving other services, CEDARR Family Centers can be a resource to you and your child. CEDARR Family Centers are staffed by people who have experience as caregivers for children with special health care needs.

CEDARR stands for (C) Comprehensive, (E) Evaluation, (D) Diagnosis, (A) Assessment, (R) Referral, (R) Re-evaluation

Services that are offered are:

- Basic services and supports (system navigation, special needs information and family support)
- An initial family assessment and family care plan
- Coordination with your child’s school and any other program your child may be in
- Staff can help locate clinical specialists and other services in your community
- Crisis intervention services are available if needed

Eligible Population:

All children and families

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

CEDARR services can be paid for by your health insurance plan, the Medical Assistance Program, or by a payment plan depending on your situation.

How to Apply for Services:

Call one of the CEDARR Family Centers listed below

About Families

CEDARR Family Center
32 Branch Avenue
Providence, RI 02904
331-2700

Easter Seals CEDARR Family Center

5 Woodruff Avenue
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882
284-1000

Family Solutions CEDARR

134 Thurbers Avenue, Suite 102
Providence, Rhode Island 02905
461-4351, (800) 640-7283

Families First CEDARR Center

Hasbro Children’s Hospital, Room 120
593 Eddy Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
444-7703

Rhode Island Department of Human Services

Center for Child and Family Health Info Line
For information on CEDARR
Family Centers or Medical Assistance
462-1300 English, 462-1500 Spanish, 462-3363 TDD
www.dhs.state.ri.us

CEDARR is a collaborative initiative of the RI Children’s Cabinet and the following State agencies: Department of Health, Department of Children, Youth and Families, Department of Education, Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals, Department of Human Services. CEDARR is funded and administered by the Department of Human Services.

Community Health Centers in Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Health Center Association, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 is an association of fourteen Community Health Centers, which provide comprehensive primary health care for almost 60,000 users regardless of their ability to pay. The size of the health centers varies greatly, with the largest, the Providence Ambulatory Health Care Foundation, providing care to almost 20,000 patients and the smallest, the Chad Brown Health Center serving approximately 900 patients. The majority of patients come from low and middle-income populations. The Centers are the primary providers to many of Rhode Island's newly arrived immigrants.

Bayside Family Health Care 308 Callahan Road North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852 295-9706, Fax 295-0920	Blackstone Valley Community Health Care 42 Park Place 9 Chestnut Street Pawtucket, RI 02852 & Central Falls, RI 02863 729-0081, Fax 729-0438 724-7110, Fax 724-2109
Block Island Health Services Box 919, Payne Road Block Island, Rhode Island 02807 466-2125, Fax 466-5476	Chad Brown Health Center 285A Chad Brown Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908 274-6339, Fax 453-6290
East Bay Family Health Care 100 Bullocks Point Avenue Riverside, Rhode Island 02915 437-1008, Fax 433-3042	Family Health Services 1090 Cranston St. 191 McArthur Blvd. Cranston, RI 02920 & Coventry, RI 02816 943-1981, Fax 943-2846 828-5335, Fax 828-2917
Health Center of South County One River Street Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879 783-0523, Fax 783-9448	New Visions Community Health Centers: 19 Broadway 1048 Strafford Road Newport, RI 02840 & Tiverton, RI 02878 847-7821, Fax 847-6220 625-5197, Fax 625-5134
Northwest Health Center 36 Bridgeway, Post Office Box 531 Harmony, Rhode Island 02829 568-7661, Fax 568-7949	Providence Community Health Centers 365 Allens Avenue Providence, Rhode Island 02906 444-0400, Fax 444-0421
Thundermist Health Associates 383 Arnold Street Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895 767-4100, Fax 767-4169	Traveler's Aid Society of Rhode Island 177 Union Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903 521-2255, Fax 421-7410
Tri-Town Health Center 1126 Hartford Avenue Johnston, Rhode Island 02919 351-2750, Fax 351-6613	Wood River Health Services 823 Main Street Hope Valley, Rhode Island 02832 530-2461, Fax 539-2663

Community Mental Health Centers

The Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health Organizations (RICCMHO), 67 Cedar Street, Suite 1, Providence, RI 02903 is a responsive resource comprised of nine private, non-profit community mental health organizations in Rhode Island. Established in 1979, the Council is an effective conduit through which channel their collective expertise to form a united voice of public advocacy for all persons with mental illness.

Designed to coordinate the strength of its members, the RICCMHO operates on the belief that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. This principle is activated through a full range of diverse projects, each reflecting statewide unity and commitment to Rhode Island's mentally ill population.

<p>Community Counseling Center, Inc. 160 Beechwood Avenue Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860 Services: Emergency, Outpatient & Substance Abuse, Children's Outpatient Services, CES, CIS, Administration Contact #'s Emergency 723-1915 Outpatient 722-7855 EAP 722-0161, 800-333-6228 CES 722-6053 Admin. 722-5573</p>	<p>East Bay Mental Health Center, Inc. 2 Old County Road Barrington, Rhode Island 02806 Services: Administration, Medication Clinic, Community Support, Case Management, Emergency Services, Vocational Services, CIS Program Contact #'s Main 246-1195 Emergency 246-0700</p>
<p>Kent County Mental Health Center, Inc. 300 Centerville Road Summit South, Suite 301 Warwick, Rhode Island 02886 Services: Administrative, Counseling, Youth & Family Services, Alcohol, Drug and Family Counseling CIS Program Contact #'s Main 732-5656 Emergency 732-5656 or 738-4300</p>	<p>Mental Health Services of Cranston, Johnston & Northwestern RI, Inc. 1516 Atwood Avenue Johnston, Rhode Island 02919 Services: Outpatient Services, CIS Program Contact #'s Main 861-8660 Fax 454-0148</p>

<p>Newport County Comm. Mental Health Ctr. Inc. 65 Valley Road Middletown, Rhode Island 02842 Services: General Outpatient, Medication Clinic, ESPS, Administration, CIS Program Contact #'s Main 846-1213 Emergency 846-1213</p>	<p>Northern RI Community Services, Inc. 515 Social Street, P.O. Box 1700 Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895 Services: Clinical Services, Treatment/Managed Behavioral Healthcare Services, Administrative, CIS Program Contact #'s Main 766-3330 Fax 769-1810 Emergency 762-1577</p>
<p>The Providence Center for Counseling & Psychiatric Services, Inc. 951 North Main Street Providence, Rhode Island 02904 Services: Administrative Only Contact #'s Main 528-0123</p>	<p>Riverwood Mental Health Services 25 Railroad Avenue, Post Office Box 226 Warren, Rhode Island 02885 Services: Residential Care, Mobile Support Services, Intensive Case Management Contact #'s Main 247-4278 Intake 253-1812</p>
<p>South Shore Mental Health Center, Inc. 4705A Old Post Road, Post Office Box 899 Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813 Services: Administrative, General Outpatient, Substance Abuse, Emergency, Medication Clinic, CIS Program Contact #'s Main 364-7705 Emergency 789-3545</p>	

Community Mental Health Catchments

Community Counseling Center, Inc.

101 Bacon Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

Services: Case Management, Psychiatric Evaluation, Medication Maintenance, Occupational & Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Mobile Treatment Team

Contact #'s All 722-3560

103 Bacon Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

Services: Valley Community School (VCS), Valley Day Program (VDP), CIS Program

Contact #'s VCS, VDP 722-3513, CIS 727-7034

Hunt Street House, 132 Hunt Street, Central Falls, RI 02863

Services: Adult Residential Program

Contact #'s 726-1090

Gerald S. Burns House, 25-27 North Bend St., Pawtucket, RI 02860

Services: Adult Residential Program

Contact #'s 724-9303

Crossroads, 658 Main Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Services: Adjust Residential Program

Contact #'s 723 8780

Blackstone Adolescent Counseling Center, 475 Fountain St., Pawtucket, RI 02860

Services: Adolescent Residential Program

Contact #'s 724-0535

Blackstone Children's Home, 150 Walcott Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Services: Adolescent Residential Program

Contact #'s 729-1516

Benefit Street Apartments, 353 Benefit Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Services: Supervised Apartment Program

Contact #'s 724-6410

Kent County Mental Health Center, Inc.

50 Health Lane, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

Services: Emergency, Community Living Program, Psychiatric Services, Older Adult Services, Compeer Program, Alcohol, Drug and Family Counseling, Outpatient Detoxification

Contact #'s 738-4300

Hillsgrove House, 70 Minnesota Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888

Services: Rehabilitation Clubhouse Program, Transitional Employment, Vocational/Educational Rehabilitative Services

Contact #'s 732-0970, Emergency 738-4300

Services: Mobile Treatment Team, Assertive Case Management Services

Contact #'s 738-0685, Emergency 738-4300

Briggs School, 116 Long Street, Warwick, RI 02886

Services: Certified Special Education Program

Contact #'s 732-1540, Emergency 738-4300

Buttonwoods Group Home, 116A Long Street, Warwick, RI 02886

Services: Residential Treatment Program

Contact #'s 738-6060, Emergency 738-4300

Cedar Avenue Group Home, 50 Cedar Avenue, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Services: Residential Treatment Program

Contact #'s 884-3006, Emergency 738-4300

East Bay Mental Health Center, Inc.

Adams –Farley Counseling Center, 610 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence, RI 02915

Services: Adult Outpatient Services, Children's Outpatient Services, Children's Intensive Services, Mobile Treatment Team, Substance Abuse Outpatient

Contact #'s 431-9870, Emergency 246-0700

East Bay House, 803 Willett Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915

Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 433-5400

Main Street House, 945 Main Street, Warren, RI 02885

Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 245-5420

Mental Health Services of Cranston, Johnston & Northwestern RI, Inc.

1443 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919

Services: Community Integration & Employment, Mobile Treatment Team, Case Management, Intake, Emergency Services

Contact #'s 273-8100, Fax 861-8696

311 Doric Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910

Services: Children's Intensive Services, Older Adult Services

Contact #'s 784-3600, Fax 784-3636

422 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02888

Services: Substance Abuse Services

Contact #'s 781-0033, Fax 781-0444

146D Waterman Avenue, North Providence, RI 02911

Services: Supervised Apartments

Contact #'s 232-7600

91 Wentworth Street, Cranston, RI 02905

Services: Supervised Apartments

Contact #'s 784-3606

78 Burnham Street, Cranston, RI 02910

Services: Supervised Apartments

Contact #'s 784-3606

Atwood House, 1974 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919

Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 861-8670

Cortland House, 25 Cedar Swamp Rd., Smithfield, RI 02917

Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 861-8655

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Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 784-3648

Windsor House, 38 North Long Street, Johnston, RI 02910

Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 861-8850

Newport County Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

Phoenix One Club, 26 Spring Street, Newport, RI 02840

Services: Day Treatment, Vocational Rehabilitation

Contact #'s 846-3135, Emergency 846-1213

Anita Jackson House, 316 Greene Lane, Middletown, RI 02842

Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 848-5588, Emergency 846-1213

McKinney Shelter, 15 Meeting Street, Newport, RI 02840

Services: Homeless Shelter

Contact #'s 846-8810, Emergency 846-1213

26 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 02842

Services: Children's Intensive Services, LAP

Contact #'s 848-6363, Emergency, 846-1213

Fifty Washington Square, Newport, RI 02842

Services: Case Management

Contact #'s 846-6620 Emergency 846-1213

Farewell 2 Broadway, 2 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840

Services: Temporary Employment, Vocational Rehabilitation

Contact #'s 848-0401, Emergency 846-1213

Northern RI Community Services, Inc.

55 John A. Cummings Way, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Services: Emergency Services, Community Support, Vocational, Casework, Counseling, Psychiatry/Nursing, Social Work Services, Substance Abuse, Administrative, Residential/Rehabilitation Services, Representative Payee Program, CIS Program

Contact #'s 766-3330, Emergency 762-1577, Fax 767-9177

Viola M. Berard Center, 181 Cumberland St., Woonsocket, RI 02895

Services: Clinical Services, Child & Adolescent Day Treatment, Children's Intensive Services, Rehabilitation & Vocational Services for Children, Crisis Apartment Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Child Psychiatry, Nursing, Psychology Services, Administrative, Referral Services

Contact #'s 766-3330, Emergency 762-1577, Fax 767-9017

Capitol Hill Substance Abuse Services, 272 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908

Services: Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Services, Specialty Services for Gay & Lesbian Individuals, DWI Treatment Services

Contact #'s 521-3300, Emergency 762-1577

Robert J. Wilson House, Inc, 80 Summit St., Pawtucket, RI 02860

Services: Residential Substance Abuse/Dual Diagnoses Treatment Services,
Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Services
Contact #'s 728-4010, Emergency 762-1577
Sutherland Apartments, Inc., 462 East School Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895
Services: Supervised Housing
Contact #'s 767-4540, Emergency 762-1577
Leo R. Tanguay Apartments, Inc., 129 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895
Services: Supervised Housing
Contact #'s 767-4551, Emergency 762-1577
Singleton House, 2755 Wallum Lake Road, Pascoag, RI 02859
Services: Group Home
Contact #'s 568-0850, Emergency 762-1577
Chicoine House, 712 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, RI 02864
Services: Group Home
Contact #'s 333-3724, Emergency 762-1577
Sadwin Apartments, Inc., 183 Elm Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895
Services: Supervised and Independent Living Apartments
Contact #'s 767-9011, Emergency 762-1577

The Providence Center for Counseling & Psychiatric Services, Inc.

520 Hope Street, Providence, RI 02906

Services: Administration, General Information, Child & Family Services, The
Providence Center School, Specialized Adolescent Services, General Outpatient
Counseling, Employee Assistance Program, Managed Care/Utilization Review
Services, CIS Program

Contact #'s 276-4000, Outpatient Counseling 276-4040, Emergency 274-7111

530 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904

Services: Community Support Services for the Chronically Ill, Intake/First
Appointments, Emergency Services

Contact #'s CSS 274-2500, Intake 276-4020, Emergency 274-7111

90 Plain Street, Providence, RI 02903

Services: Residential Substance Abuse Services, Women's Day Treatment
Services, Outpatient Substance Abuse Services

Contact #'s 276-4600, Emergency 274-7111

PROMAIL, 765 Allens Avenue, Providence, RI 02905

Services: Complete Mailing Services

Contact #'s 784-6363

ROAD Counseling, 8 Court Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Services: Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention & Education
Services

Contact #'s 762-7000

Talbot Long-Term Care, Zambarano Hospital, 2189 Wallum Lake Road, Burrillville, RI
02895

Services: Transitional & Long-Term Care Substance Abuse Services

Contact #'s 568-6670

DISCOVERY, Woman's Facility/ACI, Cranston, RI 02920

Services: Discovery-Substance Abuse
Contact #'s 464-2129
DIRECTIONS, 271 Main Street, West Warwick, RI 02893
Services: Outpatient Substance Abuse Services
Contact #'s 828-6373

South Shore Mental Health Center, Inc.

55 Cherry Lane, Wakefield, RI 02879

Services: Mobile Treatment Team, Case Management, Day Treatment,
Vocational Services, Medication clinic, Children's Comprehensive Emergency
Services, CIS Program

Contact #'s 789-1367, Emergency 789-3545

Clock Place, 730 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

Services: General Outpatient Services, Children's Intensive Services,
Adolescents Coping with Transition, Medication Clinic

Contact #'s 783-1150, Med. Clinic 789-1166, Emergency 789-3545

Charlestown House, Old Post Rd., P.O. Box 899, Charlestown, RI 02813

Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 364-5044

Labelle House, Old Post Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852

Services: Group Home

Contact #'s 294-2645

Hospitals of Rhode Island

Bradley Hospital 1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway East Providence, Rhode Island 02915 432-1000	Butler Hospital 345 Blackstone Boulevard Providence, Rhode Island 02906 455-6215
Eleanor Slater Hospital John O. Pastore Center Cranston, Rhode Island 02920 463-3085	Hasbro Children's Hospital 593 Eddy Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903 444-4000
Kent County Hospital 455 Toll Gate Road Warwick, Rhode Island 02886 737-7000	Landmark Medical Center Woonsocket Unit Fogarty Unit 115 Cass Ave. & 116 Eddie Dowling Hwy Woonsocket, RI 02895 N. Smithfield, RI 02896 769-4100 769-4100
Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island 111 Brewster Street Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860 729-2000	Miriam Hospital 164 Summit Street Providence, Rhode Island 02906 793-2500
Newport Hospital 11 Friendship Street Newport, Rhode Island 02840 253-4063	Our Lady of Fatima Hospital 200 High Service Avenue North Providence, Rhode Island 02904 456-3000
Rhode Island Hospital 593 Eddy Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903 444-4000	Roger Williams Medical Center 825 Chalkstone Avenue Providence, Rhode Island 02908 456-2000
Saint Joseph Hospital for Specialty Care 21 Peace Street Providence, Rhode Island 02907 456-3000	South County Hospital 200 Kenyon Avenue Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879 782-8000
Veterans Affairs Medical Center 830 Chalkstone Avenue Providence, Rhode Island 02908 273-7100	The Westerly Hospital Wells Street Westerly, Rhode Island 02891 596-6000
Women & Infants Hospital 101 Dudley Street Providence, Rhode Island 02905 274-1100	Zambarano Hospital Unit of Eleanor Slater 2090 Wallum Lake Road Pascoag, Rhode Island 02859 568-2551

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

1. WHAT IS AN EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)?

The term Extended School Year (ESY) refers to special education and related services provided beyond the traditional 180-day school year for eligible students with disabilities. These services must be in accordance with the student's IEP; provided at no cost to the parents of the student and meet the standards of the SEA as outlined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as necessary to provide students with disabilities a free and appropriate public education.

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR SERVICES?

The purpose of providing ESY services to students with disabilities is to maintain identified skills in order to prevent or avoid substantial loss of previously acquired skill or encouraging emerging skills or behavior. In situations where the loss of skills impedes the ability of a student with a disability to benefit from special education services under IDEA, ESY services may be required.

3. WHO MUST BE CONSIDERED FOR ESY SERVICES?

Every student with a disability under IDEA must be considered for ESY services.¹

This includes students participating in Vocational Programs. The determination of whether a student is eligible for ESY services is made on an individual basis by the student's IEP Team and must be discussed at each annual IEP review meeting. Even though there may be some educational benefits to providing ESY services for all students, not every student with a disability is eligible for ESY services.

The school year for students with severe or profound mental retardation or multiple disabilities and who have physical or sensory impairments in combination with other severe disabilities shall consist of a minimum of two hundred and thirty (230) days. During the additional fifty (50) days to the typical 180-day school year, services shall be determined by the IEP Team and provided in the least restrictive environment, which may include community based settings with students without disabilities.

4. WHO DETERMINES ESY ELIGIBILITY?

The IEP Team determines whether and to what degree ESY services are necessary in order for an individual child to receive a free appropriate public education. Eligibility for ESY services must be reviewed annually for every student with an IEP.

5. WHAT CRITERIA SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING AN ESY ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION?

While there is no single criteria used in making an eligibility determination, case law has established several factors to be considered.

One standard is the Regression/Recoupment analysis, which considers the severity of regression a student experiences as a result of an interruption in special education services with the amount of time, required to regain the prior level of skill.²

All students regress to some degree during school breaks. The question for the IEP Team is whether the degree of regression the individual student is demonstrating jeopardizes the ability to learn during the regular school year. In addition, the IEP Team must consider the amount of time needed for a student to regain skills learned and the ability to make overall meaningful progress.

Other criteria may include:

The rate of progress,

The nature and severity of the student's disability,

The ability of the child's parents to provide educational structure in the home,

The child's behavioral and physical needs,

Emerging skills and breakthrough opportunities,

The ability of the student to interact with non-disabled peers,

The student's vocational needs,

The availability of alternative resources,

The areas of the child's curriculum which need continuous attention, and

Whether the requested services are extraordinary for the child's condition as opposed to an integral part of a program for those with the child's condition³ and whether the child is experiencing "emerging skills" and/or "breakthrough opportunities" as when a student is on the brink of learning to read.⁴

6. HOW IS ELIGIBILITY FOR ESY SERVICES DETERMINED?

Consideration of a broad range of highly detailed information by the IEP Team is essential when determining eligibility for ESY services. The following are examples of typical information and documentation used when determining eligibility for ESY services.

Parent/Teacher ongoing communication,

***Assessment of the IEP goals and objectives as they relate to
Regression and recoupment of a student's progress,***

Work samples, Test results, Report cards,

Homework Progress Reports,

Parent Observations.

Creating a schedule for collecting data related to the progress of the child's ability to reach his/her identified IEP goals and objectives is essential in determining not only ESY eligibility but also the specific services that the student may need. Utilizing the quartile report card/progress report schedule will offer the IEP Team an opportunity to review how a student is progressing towards his/her IEP goals and objectives to plan accordingly.

Additional Opportunities for Progress Review

At the end of the regular school year

At the end of the summer program

At the beginning of the subsequent school year

At the end of the subsequent school year

Before/after school vacations

Before/after student has been out of school for other reasons

Establishing a series of measurement timelines is helpful in providing a baseline to document regression and recoupment. In general, any information that can assist the IEP Team in developing a composite of the level of functioning and circumstances having an impact on the student's educational performance should be presented.

7. ARE STUDENTS REQUIRED TO FAIL IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ESY SERVICES?

No. Students cannot be required to fail before being eligible for ESY. ESY must be determined on a case-by-case basis, based on the individual needs of the students.⁵

8. IS THE CURRENT IEP IN ITS ENTIRETY FOLLOWED AUTOMATICALLY FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR ESY?

No. The IEP does not need to be an exact duplication or replication of the services received during the school year. After consideration of the broad range of information (described previously) the IEP Team determines the individual special education service needs to be continued during the school break. These services may be the continuation of the current IEP, some portion of the IEP or a newly identified service provision determined by the IEP Team.

9. HOW IS ESY DOCUMENTED?

The IEP Team will determine and document the type, duration, and frequency of services on an individual basis according to the student's individual special education needs. The continuation of special education services and/or additional specific ESY goals and objectives will be documented on the IEP.

10. WHAT TYPES OF ESY MODELS ARE AVAILABLE?

Like any special education service decision, the individual needs of the student will determine the services to be provided. ESY service options may include, but are not limited to, the following:

*Support services for maintenance of skills
(such as math, reading etc...)*

*Home instruction or consultation to provide parents with
Support and materials to prevent regression*

Individual or group instruction

Recreational services to provide for maintenance of identified skills

Services during periods of school vacation

Transportation to program

Many community agencies that provide recreation services have expanded those opportunities to meet the needs of children with disabilities. ESY services may not necessarily be provided in a classroom or school setting. The location and delivery of services may be provided in the home or at an alternative location (such as the local YMCA, Library, Boys & Girls Club, etc.) taking into consideration the identified individual needs of the student in an appropriate environment.

Exploring and developing ESY services with community agencies offers opportunities to design services in natural community settings and often provide the school districts a more cost effective partnership in meeting the needs of children with disabilities requiring ESY services.

11. WHAT IS AN EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY?

It is possible for a student's IEP to include services that are delivered beyond the length of the school day. The IEP Team determines the individual educational services for students with disabilities based on their individual special educational needs. Due to the nature and severity of a student's disability, an IEP may require services that extend beyond the traditional school day.

12. ARE STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS DISABLED UNDER SECTION 504 ELIGIBLE FOR ESY?

Yes. Students who are considered disabled only under Section 504 are entitled to ESY under appropriate circumstances. As with students who are considered disabled under IDEA, students disabled under Section 504 must clearly meet eligibility standards.⁶

13. WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A DISAGREEMENT REGARDING ESY?

Parents and school departments are encouraged to resolve matters of disagreement first at the local level. Sometimes outside intervention is necessary, and in Rhode Island mediation has proven to be an effective method of dispute resolution. Upon request, the Rhode Island Department of Education will assign an independent mediator to assist the parties in resolving differences. Mediation is voluntary; therefore, the participants (parent(s), guardians, and school districts) must agree to mediation. More information regarding the mediation process can be obtained by contacting the Rhode Island Department of Education, Office of Special Needs, at 222-4600.

Parties can always exercise their right to request a due process hearing.

*BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS AT
34 CFR 300.309, AND RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS 300.309
STATE:*

300.309 Extended school services.

(a) General

- (1) Each LEA shall ensure that extended school year services are available as necessary to provide FAPE, consistent with paragraph (a)(2) of this section.*
 - (2) Extended school year services must be provided only if a child's IEP Team determines, on an individual basis, in accordance with these regulations, that the services are necessary for the provisions of FAPE to the child.*
 - (3) In implementing the requirements of this section, a public agency may not—*
 - (i) Limit extended school year services to particular categories of disability; or*
 - (ii) Unilaterally limit the type, amount, or duration of those services.*
 - (4) The school year for children who have severe or profound mental retardation or multiple disabilities and who have physical or sensory impairments in combination with other severe disability conditions shall consist of a minimum of two hundred and thirty (230) days. During the additional fifty (50) days to the typical 180-day school year, services shall be determined by the IEP Team and provided in the least restrictive environment, which may include community-based settings with children without disabilities.*
 - (5) Nothing in these regulations shall be construed so as to deny the provisions of extended school year services to children with disabilities other than those referenced in subsection (4) of this section. Such services shall be based on the diagnosed needs of the child, the findings of the evaluation team, and shall be described in the child's IEP.*
- (b) Definition. As used in these regulations, the term “extended school year services” means special education and related services that—*
- (1) Are provided to a child with a disability—*
 - (i) Beyond the normal school year of the LEA*
 - (ii) In accordance with the child's IEP; and*
 - (iii) At no cost to the parents of the child; and*
 - (2) Meet the standards of the SEA.*

REFERENCES

1. *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, (IDEA) 1997*
2. *Alamo Heights Independent School District vs. State Board of Education (557 EHLR 315) 1986*
3. *Johnson vs. Independent School District No. 4, 17 EHLR 170 (1990)*
4. *Revsch vs. Fountain 21 IDELR 1107 (1994)*
5. *Corpus Christi Independent School District (16 EHLR 121)*
6. *Clark City (NV) School District, 16 EHLR 311 (OCR 1989)*

Adult Basic Education Program

Program Description:

The purposes of this program are to: (1) help people become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; (2) help adults who are parents obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children; and (3) assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education or qualify for the high school equivalency (GED, General Education Development) credential. This program provides supportive services that assist people in developing basic skills and knowledge that is necessary to function as responsible and productive citizens.

Eligible Population:

A variety of programs and services are available to the following adults:

- ❖ Age 16 and older;
- ❖ Not enrolled or required to be enrolled in high school under State law;
- ❖ Lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills which allows them to reach their full potential;
- ❖ Do not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent (GED);
- ❖ Are unable to speak, read or write the English language.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

There is no cost for classes. There is a \$15 fee for the GED testing.

How to Apply for Services:

Interested persons should visit an adult learning center (see below) and fill out an enrollment form. Additional information can be found on the Department of Education website:

www.ridoe.net

Contact Information:

Robert Mason
Rhode Island Department of Special Education
Office of Special Needs
255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903-3400
Phone: 222-4600

Adult Learning Centers

Aquidneck Island Adult Learning Center

Stanley Brown, Director
10 John Clarke Road
Middletown, RI 02842
Phone: 847-7171
Serves: Newport, Middletown, Tiverton, and Little Compton

Providence Adult Learning Center

Arthur Mossberg, Director
170 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 331-0766
Serves: Providence

RI Regional Adult Learning Center

Arthur Mossberg, Director
162 Main Street Room 404
Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895
Phone: 762-3841
Serves: Burrillville, Foster, Glocester,
Lincoln, Smithfield, Cumberland and
Central Falls
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Bristol County Adult Learning Center

Michael Rucci, Jr., Director
Mary V. Quirk School
689 Main Street
Warren, Rhode Island
Phone: 245-3392
Serves: Bristol and Warren

Washington County Adult Learning Ctr.

Thomas Brillat, Director
Stedman Government Center
Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879
Phone: 783-0293
Serves: South Kingstown, Narragansett,
Westerly, Exeter-West Greenwich, Charlestown,
Hopkinton and Richmond

Cranston Adult Learning Center

Ronald DiOrio, Director
41 Heath Avenue
Cranston, Rhode Island 02910
Phone: 785-8166
Serves: Cranston, Coventry and Scituate

Warwick Adult Learning Center

Daniel Crowley, Director
575 Centerville Road
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
Phone: 734-3156
Serves: Warwick, West Warwick, East
Greenwich and North Kingstown

In addition, GED preparation classes and GED examinations are administered at the agencies listed below, unless otherwise indicated:

East Providence

Martin Jr. High School
George Burke, Director
111 Brown Street
East Providence, RI 02914
Phone: 437-7865

Providence

RI Department of Elementary & Secondary
Education
Robert W. Mason, Director
255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 277-400 ext. 2180
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Lincoln

Community College of Rhode Island
Flanagan Campus
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Lincoln, RI 02865
Phone: 333-7070

Community College of Rhode Island

Providence Campus
Richard Tessier, Director
One Hilton Street
Providence, RI 02907
Phone: 455-6019

Woonsocket

Woonsocket High School

Maurice Aubin, Director

777 Cass Avenue

Woonsocket, RI 02895

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Corey Searight/FSC/Case Manager

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223-0031 x343
223-0031 x344
223-0031 x344
223-0031 x341
223-0031
223-0031
223-0031 x349

(Referrals should be made to the Hope Supervisor. If she is unavailable leave a message or you may speak with a Hope FSC.)

CASSP Staff:

Michelle Freeman - Supervisor
Christine Goetzinger - FSC
Micki Searight - ½ time FSC

223-0031/Fax 454-5619
223-0031 x344
223-0031 x343

(Referrals should be made to the Hope Supervisor. If she is not available leave a message or you may speak with one of the CASSP FSCs.)

Project Hope and CASSP staffs are located at:

John Hope Settlement House
7 Burgess Street
Providence, RI 02903

DCYF Liaison:

Marilyn Sharkey

528-3762/Fax 528-3760

Geographical Area Served: City of Providence

Northern Rhode Island LCC

Chairperson

Claire Rosenbaum
Sherlock Center on Disabilities
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02864

456-1998 x4732/Fax 456-8150

Project Hope Staff

Louise LaMountain
FSC/CM Supervisor
Robin Sadler, Secretary
Barbara Whelan-Site Coordinator
Holly Batura, Case Manager
Vacant-Family Service Coordinator

762-3986/Fax 762-4007

762-3429

762-4031/Fax 769-4007

762-4012/Fax 769-4007

(Referrals can be made to the FSC or the Site Coordinator)

CASSP & Hope Staff

Bridgette Bennett-Lewis, CIS Supervisor
Louise LaMountain -LCC Coordinator
Cheryl Raposa-Family Service Coordinator
Emma Dandy-Family Service Coordinator

766-3330/Fax 767-9107

762-3986/Fax 769-4517

762-3068

762-3429

CASSP & Hope Family Service Coordinators are located at:

NRI/CASSP
Stadium Building
18 Monument Square, Suite 302
Woonsocket, RI 02895

(Referrals can be made to the FSCs or the Site Coordinator)

DCYF Liaison:

Carol Whitman

528-3761/Fax 528-3760

Geographical Area Covered: Woonsocket, Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Burrillville

Pawtucket/Central Falls

Chairperson(s):

Arlene Garrison
Director of Special Education
Student Services Office
21 Hedley Street
Central Falls, RI 02863

727-7700 x116/Fax 727-7722

Arthur Mercurio
Developmental Disabilities Unit
Bradley Hospital
1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway
East Providence, Rhode Island 02915

432-1000 x21155/Fax 432-1500

Project Hope Staff

Frank Pace Supervisor (LCC Coordinator)
Vacant-Site Coordinator
Cara Benaski - Case Manager
Anne Marie Deloge-FSC
Miriam Williams-Family Service Coordinator
Elsa Mendonca- ½ time Hope FSC
Nilton Furtado - Case Manager

722-5573 x239/Fax 726-5571
722-5573 x219/Fax same
722-5573/Fax same
722-5573 x253/Fax same
722-5573 x264/Fax same
722-5573 x270/Fax same
722-5573 x217/724-9735

CASSP Staff

Vacant -Supervisor
Denise Fontaine-Family Service Coordinator
Betty Farizer-Case Manager

722-5573/Fax 726-5571
722-5573 x210/Same
722-5573 x265/Same

All staff is located at:

Community Counseling Center
160 Beechwood Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860

DCYF Liaison:

George McCahey

528-3763/Fax 528-3760

Geographical Area Served: Pawtucket, Central Falls

Kent County LCC

Chairperson(s):

Kathy DiPinto
Child Inc.
28 Payan Street
West Warwick, RI 02893

828-2888/Fax 826-4887

Project Hope Staff

Barbara Lamoureux-Supervisor
Pamela Graham-FSC
Tim Cronin - Case Manager
Stacy Connor- On-Site Coordinator

732-5656 x327/Fax 738-8634
732-5656 x350/Same
732-5656 x396/Same
732-5656 x343/Same

(Referrals can be made to any of the above staff)

CASSP Staff

Barbara Lamoureux-Supervisor
Bunny Gill - Family Service Coordinator
Stacy Connor - On-Site Coordinator

732-5656/Fax 738-8634
732-5656 x349/Same
732-5656 x343/Same

(Referrals can be made to the FSCs)

Project Hope and CASSP staffs are located at:

Kent County Mental Health Center
Summit South
300 Centerville Road, Suite 301S
Warwick, RI 02886

DCYF Liaison:

Carol Whitman

528-3761/Fax 528-3760

Geographical Area Served: Warwick, West Warwick, Coventry, West Greenwich
East Greenwich

Metro West *(This LCC is not part of Project Hope however, referrals for youth can still be made and youth will be serviced through CASSP)*

Chairperson(s):

Jean Colaneri
Cranston YMCA
1225 Park Ave.
Cranston, RI, 02910

943-0444

CASSP Staff: Main Office Number
Rachel Boisvert - Supervisor
Jeanine Walker - Family Service Coordinator
Suzan Wright - Case Manager
Linda Bozzi - On Site Coordinator

784-3600
784-3633/Fax 784-3636
Same (x3625)/Same
Same/Same
Same (x3634)/Same

(Referrals can be made to the Supervisor or FSCs)

CASSP Staff is located at:

MHS of Cranston, Johnston, and NWRI
311 Doric Ave.
Cranston, RI 02910

DCYF Liaison:

George McCahey

528-3763/Fax 528-3760

Geographical Area Served: Cranston, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Scituate, Smithfield

Washington County: *(This LCC is not part of Project Hope however, referrals for youth can still be made and youth will be serviced through CASSP)*

Chairperson(s):

Paula Agins
Spurwink School II
One Spurwink Place
Cranston, RI 02910-2012

781-4380 x220/Fax 467-3261

Dale Jerold
J. Arthur Trudeau Early Intervention
350 Kingstown Road, Suite 101
Narragansett, RI 02882

783-6853/Fax 783-6846

CASSP Staff

Ginny Stack, Supervisor

789-1166/Fax 789-7035

vstack@ssmhc.org

Cynthia Gardner - Family Service Coordinator

Same

Marcia Thibodeau - Family Service Coordinator

Same

Sharon James-Family Service Coordinator

Same

(Referrals to CASSP can be made to the FSCs)

CASSP Staff is located at:

South Shore Community MHC
730 Kingstown Rd.
Wakefield, RI 02879

DCYF Liaison:

Carol Whitman

528-3761/Fax 528-3760

Geographical Area Serviced: Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, North Kingstown, South Kingstown, Richmond, Westerly, New Shoreham

East Bay: *(This LCC is not part of Project Hope however, referrals can still be made and youth will be serviced through CASSP)*

Chairperson(s):

Kathy Dodd 245-5354
47 Sowams Road
Barrington, RI 02806

CASSP Staff:

Jim Pinel - Supervisor	431-9870x226/Fax 438-1957
Mary-Anne Peotrowski - Family Service Coordinator	431-9870x123/same
Lester Thurber - Family Service Coordinator	431-9870x124/same
Robin Condap - Case Manager/Project Hope Coordinator	431-9870x125/same

(Referrals can be made to the FSCs)

Located at:

East Bay Community Mental Health Center
Adams Farley Center
610 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, RI 02915

DCYF Liaison:

Marilyn Sharkey 528-3762/Fax 528-3760

Geographical Area Served: Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Warren

Newport County:

(This LCC is not part of Project Hope however, referrals can still be made and the youth will be serviced through CASSP)

Chairperson(s):

Holly Rice
83 Rhode Island Avenue
Newport, RI 02840

vernon@ids.net

Tim Casey
10 Homer Street
Newport, RI 02840

tcasey7@aol.com

CASSP Staff:

Dan Hurley - Supervisor
Donna Southworth-F S C
Ivelisse Morales - F S C
Dawn Aguiar - Site Coordinator
(Referrals can be made to the FSCs)

848-6363 x120/Fax: 848-6389
848-6363 x125/Fax: 848-6389
848/6363 x128/Fax: 848-6389
848-6363 x123/Fax: 848-6389

Located at:

Newport County Community Mental Health Center
26 Valley Road, Suite 201
Middletown, RI 02842

848-6363/Fax: 848-6389

newportcassp@ids.net

DCYF Liaison:

Marilyn Sharkey

528-3762 / FAX 528-3760

Geographical Area Served: Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton

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Family Health Information Line

Program Description:

The Family Health Information Line is a toll-free telephone service for anyone who needs information about programs and services to improve the health of families and their children. A bilingual information specialist can answer callers questions about the following programs and services: Women Infants and Children Program (WIC); immunizations; the Early Intervention Program; lead poisoning prevention; parenting; adolescent health; family planning; Medical Assistance; Food Stamps; etc. If the information specialist cannot answer the question(s), referrals are made to community agencies.

Eligible Population:

All families

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Get Services:

Families can call the number below.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Department of Health
Division of Family Health
3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, RI 02908

Family Health Information Line
1-800-942-7434

Kids First
Rhode Island Team Nutrition Training Institute

Program Description:

1. Kids First and the RI Team Nutrition Training (TNT) Institute works with school and food service staff, childcare communities, parent teacher organizations (PTO's), Child Opportunity Zones (COZ's) to schedule nutrition education workshops by Team Nutrition chefs, nutritionists, master gardeners and physical activity professionals.
2. Provides the Team Nutrition Summer Institute, a two-day intensive nutrition education program for School Food Service Directors, Kitchen Leads and Food Service Workers at Johnson & Wales University each summer.
3. Other activities include After School Programs, School Staff Wellness Workshops, Community and School Garden Programs, Nutrition and Health Mini-Expos and Food Safety Workshops.

Eligible Population:

All members of RI School and Child Care communities.

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No direct cost to child or family

How to Apply for Services:

Call (401) 751-4503

Email: kids1st@gis.net

Contact Information:

Kids First

RI Team Nutrition Training Institute

5 Richmond Square

Providence, Rhode Island 02906

Website: www.kidsfirstri.org

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

Program Description:

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) have trained community nutrition assistants that provide food and nutrition education for low-income adults and youth, in and out of school settings. Teaches through small groups and individual home visits. Subject matter includes planning and preparing low cost nutritious meals, buying food, managing the food budget, and keeping food safe.

Eligible Population:

Low Income, youth, and families with young children

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No cost

How to Apply for Services:

Call (401) 277-5270

Contact Information:

EFNEP

Cooperative Extension, University of Rhode Island
80 Washington Street, Room 302
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Rhode Island Obesity Prevention and Control Program

Program Description:

In 2000-2001, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded Rhode Island and 11 other states to develop statewide nutrition and physical activity plans and programs to reduce the prevalence of obesity. The Rhode Island Obesity Prevention and Control Program at the Rhode Island Department of Health has made elementary school children and their families a top priority, with a special focus on Hispanic children. The Obesity Program's response is centered on activities and interventions in the following three key areas:

1. Data – Survey RI elementary schools to identify current school-based environmental strategies, policies and programs for obesity prevention. Analyze RI Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and other RI Department of Health data to monitor obesity trends.
2. Planning – Develop a statewide 5-year plan with community partners to reverse obesity trends. Incorporate relevant Health People 2010 and Health Rhode Islanders 2010 objectives on nutrition and physical activity into RI Obesity Control Program.
3. Prevention – Develop and evaluate environmental and policy interventions to support physical activity and health eating in RI elementary schools. Work with non-profit and for-profit partners to promote eating a healthy diet and staying active for life.

Eligible Population:

Funded community-based agencies

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

No Cost

How to Apply for Services:

Contact the RI Obesity Prevention and Control Program at (401) 222-3497
Email Kathy Cullinen, Obesity Program Manager at kathyc@doh.state.ri.us

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Obesity Prevention and Control Program
Department of Health
3 Capitol Hill, Room 302
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

RI Technical Assistance Project

Program Description:

The RI Technical Assistance Project (RITAP) at Rhode Island College is a statewide resource center for technical assistance and support, professional development and training, and policy analysis and interpretation. The resources of RITAP are organized to assist state and local agencies, institutions of higher education and families in the delivery of quality education and support services for all children including those with disabilities.

RITAP is a collaborative effort of the RI Department of Education, Office of Special Needs and RI College. It provides practitioners, parents and policymakers the knowledge and resources necessary to increase their capacity to provide comprehensive and coordinated services to all children including those with disabilities that result in improved educational performance and enhanced life-long outcomes.

RITAP maintains a website at www.ritap.org to offer the public up-to-date information and resources, including recent publications, manuals, newsletters, conference details and registration, and current project areas. It also maintains a Resource Library that is currently open to the public by appointment only.

Eligible Population:

All

Geographic Area Served:

Statewide

Cost to Child or Family:

RITAP provides free telephone consultation, and coordinates various on-site consultations, workshops and statewide conferences that are offered for free or on a fee-for-service basis depending on the activity. Training activities often include a reduced rate registration for parents to attend.

How to Apply for Services:

Visit our website at www.ritap.org for more information about our Current Project Areas, available resources and supports, or call us at (401) 456-4600.

Contact Information:

Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project
Rhode Island College
Alumni House
600 Mount Pleasant Ave.
Providence, Rhode Island 02908
456-4600, Fax 456-8117
info@ritap.org

Even Start Family Literacy Program

Program Description:

The purpose of this program is to help families become full partners in their children's education. The four components of this program are designed to provide families with the skills and resources to ensure family self-sufficiency with community involvement and support. The four components of the program are: (1) high quality early childhood education for children birth to seven years old; (2) adult literacy including Adult Basic Education, General Education Development (GED), English as a Second Language (ESL), and job training; (3) parenting education; and (4) parent involvement.

Eligible Population:

Each participating community has establishes its own eligibility criteria. Contact the Even Start Literacy Program in your area to find out more about eligibility.

Geographic Area Served:

Newport Woonsocket
Pawtucket Tri-town Community Action (serves Smithfield and Johnston)
Central Falls Dorcas Place (serves Providence)

Cost to Child or Family:

None

How to Apply for Services:

Families should contact the Even Start Coordinators in their area by calling the number listed below.

Contact Information:

Charlotte Diffendale
Rhode Island Department of Education
Rhode Island Even Start Coordinator
255 Westminster
Phone: 222-4600 ext. 2457

Even Start Coordinators:

Newport
Nancy Ryan,
Phone: 845-8579

Woonsocket
Nancy Giambusso,
Phone: 765-3678

Tri-Town Community Action (Johnston/Smithfield)
Erika Greene
Phone: 351-2750

Pawtucket

Heather Harrison
Phone: 729-6293

Central Falls

Mario Papitto
Phone: 727-7700

Dorcas Place (Providence)

Ginny Perelson
Phone: 273-8886

Interpreting Services

The following providers are listed as vendors of interpreting service for the State of Rhode Island. See www.state.ri.us - RI Division of Purchasing, Master Price Agreements for more information.

Susanna E. Torres Montes 181 Whitmarsh Street Providence, RI 02907 Phone/Fax: 941-4366	Spanish
Sandra Morra 131 Alexander Street Cranston, RI 02910 Phone: 461-4830, Cell: 559-3444	Spanish
Intraser 8 Sibley Street Providence, RI 02907 Phone/Fax: 467-7621	Spanish
International Institute of RI 645 Elmwood Ave. Providence, RI 02907 Phone: 461-5940 Fax: 467-6530	Albanian, Arabic, Bangla, Bulgarian, Cambodian, Cape Verdean, Chinese – 3 dialects, Czech, Danish, Estonian, Farsi, Finnish, Flemish, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Macedonian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, Ukranian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Visayan, Woluf, Yiddish, other languages on request.
Narragansett Translation & Interpreting 32 East Avenue Pawtucket, RI 02860 Phone: 722-1222 Fax: 461-4830	Afrikaanas, Arabic Armenian, Cambodian, Cape Verdean, Chinese – several dialects, Flemish French, German, Greek, Haitian (interpreting only), Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian (translation only), Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, other languages on request with advance notice.
Horton Interpreting Services 550 Broad Street Providence, RI 02907 Phone: 331-4798 Fax: 331-2822	Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Bassa, Belgian, Bengali, Bulgarian, Cambodian-Khmer, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese – 5 dialects, Serbo-Croatian, Croatian, Czechoslovakian, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, Farsi and Persian, Filipino-Tagalog, Finnish, Flemish, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Kru, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Hungarian, Indian, Irish-Gaelic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, K'Pele, Laotian, Luxemborgish, Macedonian, Mandingo, Mao, Nepali, Norwegian, Oulof, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Rumanian, Russian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Swiss, Tagalog, Telugu, Thai, Turkish, Ukranian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Visayan, Yoruba

<p>Maria's Translations 190 Dora Street PO Box 9234 Pawtucket, RI 02862 Phone: 724-0847 Fax: 725-6990</p>	<p>Spanish, Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole, Cambodian, Hungarian, Laotian, French, Russian, Armenian</p>
<p>Socio-Economic Development Center. For SEA, Inc. 270 Elmwood Avenue Providence, RI 02907 Phone: 274-8811 Fax: 274-8877</p>	<p>American Sign Language, Arabic, Armenian, Cambodian, Cape Verdean Ceole, Chinese (Mandarin), Cantonese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Farsi, Filipino, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Hindi, Indian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, Ukranian, Vietnamese, Yugoslavian and others.</p>
<p>Ocean State Center for Independent Living 1944 Warwick Avenue Warwick, RI 02888 For General Info: Voice: 738-1013 TTY: 738 1015 To Secure an Interpreter: Voice: 1-800-525-0770 TTY: 1-800-232-0438</p>	<p>American Sign Language Interpreters</p>
<p>Tele-Interpreters On-Call, Inc. Administrative Offices 500 North Brand Blvd., Suite 1850 Glendale, CA 91203 Phone: 1-800-811-7881 Fax: 1-818-688-8121 Contact: Mark Przybylski x 563</p>	<p>24 hour, 7 days/week, 365-days/year telephone interpreter service. Over 120 different languages. Average interpreter connect time – 30 seconds.</p> <p>An account has to be set up in order to access services. \$1.69 flat rate. No minimum, and no sign-up fee</p>

SELECTED WEB SITES

The web sites listed below are included for information only. The CEDARR Initiative has no control over information at these sites. Views and opinions of these organizations are not necessarily those of the CEDARR Initiative, the Department of Human Services or other state agencies.

RHODE ISLAND STATE GOVERNMENT

www.state.ri.us

State of Rhode Island

www.dcyf.state.ri.us

Department of Children, Youth and Families: includes children's behavioral health

www.dhs.state.ri.us

Department of Human Services: includes information about CEDARR and other programs

www.doh.state.ri.us

Department of Health: includes lead, Early Intervention and other health information

www.mhrh.state.ri.us

Mental Health Retardation and Hospitals: includes links to other sites including behavioral health and to Substance Abuse and Developmental Disabilities service providers

www.rido.net

Department of Education: includes information about education programs/initiatives, state department and local school contacts

FAMILY INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

LOCAL and NATIONAL

www.sherlockcenter.org

Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities: includes information and publications about disabilities, transition, supported employment...

www.ripin.org

Rhode Island Parent Information Network: includes resource information, programs and a link to Family Voices web site

www.mharc.org

Mental Health Advancement Resource Center: includes information and links to other sites focused on mental health issues

www.ritap.org

Rhode Island Technical Assistance Project: includes information and publications relating to education topics, including legal issues, autism, IEP, attention deficit...

www.ici.umn.edu/ncset

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition: provides information about the education and transition of youth with disabilities and links to other related web sites

www.cdc.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: includes information about Developmental Disabilities, birth defects and links

www.cec.sped.org

Council for Exceptional Children: includes information on transition, behavioral disorders, and special education...

www.dhhs.gov

Federal Department of Health and Human Services: provides links to federal agencies e.g. Head Start, ACF, SAMHSA and Social Security Administration

www.edjj.org

National Center on Education, Disability and Justice: includes information on prevention and education and links to other sites

www.eparent.com

Exceptional Parent: includes a variety of resources and links

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu

Family Village: includes a variety of resources and links

www.ideapractices.org

IDEA Practices: provides information about Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and links to sites regarding inclusion, behavior...

www.nasadad.org

National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse

www.ffcmh.org

Directors: includes links and search for local providers

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health: this site focuses on the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders and provides links to other agencies. Information is available in English or Spanish

www.nectas.unc.edu

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System: includes information that supports programs for young children with disabilities and their families

www.nichcy.org

National Information Center for Children and Youth with

Disabilities: includes a variety of resources and links

www.pacer.org

Parent Advocacy Center for Educational Rights: includes materials in Hmong and Spanish

www.rarediseases.org

NORD: National Organization for Rare Disorders: maintains three searchable databases and an alphabetical index of disease names

www.wrightslaw.com

Wrights Law: this site specializes in educational issues including special education. Topics are listed alphabetically and include advocacy, autism, discipline, inclusion...also available are an advocacy and law library

2002 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Calculations based on Federal Income Guidelines printed
in the *Federal Register*, February 14, 2002.

Family Size	Annual (Monthly) Income							
	100%	133%	185%	200%	250%	275%	300%	350%
1	\$8,860 (\$738)	\$11,784 (\$982)	\$16,391 (\$1,366)	\$17,720 (\$1,477)	\$22,150 (\$1,846)	\$24,365 (\$2,030)	\$26,580 (\$2,215)	\$31,010 (\$2,584)
2	\$11,940 (\$995)	\$15,880 (\$1,323)	\$22,089 (\$1,841)	\$23,880 (\$1,990)	\$29,850 (\$2,488)	\$32,835 (\$2,736)	\$35,820 (\$2,985)	\$41,790 (\$3,483)
3	\$15,020 (\$1,252)	\$19,977 (\$1,665)	\$27,787 (\$2,316)	\$30,040 (\$2,503)	\$37,550 (\$3,129)	\$41,305 (\$3,442)	\$45,060 (\$3,755)	\$52,570 (\$4,381)
4	\$18,100 (\$1,508)	\$24,073 (\$2,006)	\$33,485 (\$2,790)	\$36,200 (\$3,017)	\$45,250 (\$3,771)	\$49,775 (\$4,148)	\$54,300 (\$4,525)	\$63,350 (\$5,279)
5	\$21,180 (\$1,765)	\$28,169 (\$2,347)	\$39,183 (\$3,265)	\$42,360 (\$3,530)	\$52,950 (\$4,413)	\$58,245 (\$4,854)	\$63,540 (\$5,295)	\$74,130 (\$6,178)
6	\$24,260 (\$2,022)	\$32,266 (\$2,689)	\$44,881 (\$3,740)	\$48,520 (\$4,043)	\$60,650 (\$5,054)	\$66,715 (\$5,560)	\$72,780 (\$6,065)	\$84,910 (\$7,076)
7	\$27,340 (\$2,278)	\$36,362 (\$3,030)	\$50,579 (\$4,215)	\$54,680 (\$4,557)	\$68,350 (\$5,696)	\$75,185 (\$6,265)	\$82,020 (\$6,835)	\$95,690 (\$7,974)
8	\$30,420 (\$2,535)	\$40,459 (\$3,372)	\$56,277 (\$4,690)	\$60,840 (\$5,070)	\$76,050 (\$6,338)	\$83,655 (\$6,971)	\$91,260 (\$7,605)	\$106,470 (\$8,873)

*For family units at 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) with more than eight members, add \$3,080 for each additional member.

Source: [US Department of Health and Human Services](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Title	Source	Ordering information	Cost
Travelers Aid Directory of Human Resources	Travelers Aid of RI	Phone: (401) 521-5555 Fax: (401) 4217410	Yes
Directory of RI Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention	RI Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependence	Phone: (401) 725-0410	Yes
RI Transition Resource Directory	Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities	Phone: (401) 456-8072 TT: (401) 456-8773 Fax: (401) 456-8150 Web: www.sherlockcenter.org	Free PDF version is available from the web site.
Transition Folder	Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities	Phone: (401) 456-8072 TT: (401) 456-8773 Fax: (401) 456-8150 Web: www.sherlockcenter.org	Free PDF version is available from the web site. Copies are available from the Sherlock Center for a nominal fee.
Individual Education Program: Purpose Process and Product	RI Technical Assistance Project (RITAP) and RI Department of Education	Phone: (401) 456-4600 Fax: (401) Web: www.ritap.org	Available only PDF format from the RITAP web site
ADHD Manual	RI Technical Assistance Project (RITAP) and RI Department of Education	Phone: (401) 456-4600 Fax: (401) Web: www.ritap.org	Yes, and available PDF format from the RITAP web site.